

ALARMING DROP IN EXCHANGE IS RECORD-BREAKER

English Pound Sterling Depreciates in New York to \$4.55 1-4.

REMEDY IS SUGGESTED

Bankers Propose to Lend Britain Enormous Sum of Money.

[Canadian Press.]

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.—The tremendous export trade of the United States, in which the country leads the world for the first time, was imperilled today by an alarming drop in foreign exchange rates, notably sterling.

At the close of business tonight, the English pound fetched but \$4.55 1/4 in American money. This is a drop of 1/4 cent from the normal value of 25/8, from its value August 1 of 20/9, and from its quotation last night of 24/4, a 24-hour drop in value without precedent.

Bankers have a plan. The reason for the remedy seemed clear in the minds of international bankers here. The English money has depreciated in value they say because Great Britain has failed to provide for payment of orders being filled here.

What New York bankers want to do is to lend Great Britain an enormous sum of money. They are willing to do this here, on approved collateral of high-class American railway and industrial stocks and bonds.

London Buyers Paying Dear. London has not awakened to the full measure of the situation, in the opinion of most international bankers here. The tardiness of English banks in making payments for the British bill at rates extremely dear.

Where foreign money values were headed, to what new levels they would plunge if allowed to follow their present tendency, no man in Wall Street was prepared to say tonight.

Never within the memory of man have the foreign exchange markets been so thoroughly demoralized before as today.

A comparison of rates quoted today, the last of August, with those that prevailed August 2, the first business day of the month, showed the great depreciation in a few days was wrought in the chief of the foreign moneys.

STERLING—Today, \$4.55 1/4; August 2, \$4.75, a loss of 20 cents. FRANCE—Today, \$6.4; August 2, \$7.1, a loss of 33 cents.

CRUISERS FOR PERU. Madrid, Aug. 31, via Paris, Sept. 1.—The Peruvian Government has given an order for two cruisers to be built in Spanish shipyards at Ferrol.

Three Wounded From W. Ontario In Casualty List

Simcoe and St. Thomas Men Had Been Laid Up Before.

WOUNDED.

SIMCOE.

Pte. Charles Lankey (second time wounded).

ST. THOMAS.

Pte. H. B. Davis, 80 Spring street, 4th Battalion.

BRANTFORD.

Pte. Alwin Holland, captured at Langemarck, now at Glessen.

PRISONER.

PARK HEAD (BRUCE).

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ST. THOMAS THESPIAN RECEIVES SIXTH WOUND.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

ST. THOMAS, Aug. 31.—James Conroy, proprietor of the Theatrical Hotel, is in receipt of a letter from Pte. K. Chas. Morse at the front. Pte. Morse is the St. Thomas actor who gave up his normal position with a stock company in the United States to return to Canada and fight for the flag.

SIMCOE PRIVATE IS AGAIN MENTIONED.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

SIMCOE, Aug. 31.—Charles Lankey, a Simcoe man, wounded for the second time in four months, has his name in today's casualty lists. He enlisted a year ago, leaving Simcoe with the first contingent.

PTE. ALWIN HOLLAND IN HANDS OF ENEMY.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OWEN SOUND, Aug. 31.—Pte. Alwin Holland, a well-known young man from Park Head, and a brother of Miss Clara Holland of Owen Sound, is a prisoner in Germany.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

FIRST BATTALION.

Wounded and prisoner of war—Pte. Stanley A. Gibbard, Athens, Me., U.S.A.

THIRD BATTALION.

Officially still missing—Pte. Thomas Scott Prebhairn, 216 Wallace street, Erie, Pa., U.S.A.

FOURTH BATTALION.

Wounded—Pte. H. B. Davis, 80 Spring street, Brantford, Ont.

FIFTH BATTALION.

Killed in action—Lance-Corp. Alexander Michael, 104 Cherrier street, Montreal.

EIGHTH BATTALION.

Killed in action—Pte. William Crozier, (formerly 32nd), Millton, Man.

Wounded—Pte. Fred Halward, Canington, Ont. Pte. James R. Syper, (formerly 41st), Morden, Man.

Officially killed in action—Pte. Alec P. Robertson, England.

TENTH BATTALION.

Killed in action—Pte. Robert Prescott, (formerly 32nd), Bengough, Sask.

Previously reported wounded, now killed in action—Joseph Ramsey, (formerly 32nd), Scotland.

Wounded—Sergt. James Hartnet, Ireland.

FOURTEENTH BATTALION.

Wounded—Pte. Edgar Carboneau, 470 Labreque street, Montreal.

SIXTEENTH BATTALION.

Missing From April 22—Corp. Frederick Bryant, England. Lance-Corp. Alexander Ross, Scotland. Pte. Richard C. Royton, England. Pte. Godfrey W. Walker, Bromley, Kent. Pte. James Mackenzie, Scotland. Pte. Kenneth McLennan, Scotland.

Previously Reported Wounded. Now Wounded and Missing—Pte. Raymond Dunlop, England.

THIRTY-FIRST BATTALION

Slightly Wounded—Pte. Alfred Frederick Shaw, Ottawa Garden, North Vancouver, B. C.

PRINCESS PATRICIAS.

Died of Wounds—Pte. John Allan Scott, 667 Victor street, Winnipeg. Missing—Pte. George H. Gilvear, 28 Cass street, Hamilton, Ont.

STRATHCONA HORSE

Slightly Wounded (accidentally)—Pte. Richard Parry, Oshawa, Ont. Pte. Gordon Crawford, Lakeshelf, Ont.

ROYAL CANADIAN DRAGOONS.

Dangerously Wounded—Q. M. S. Percy Morgan, Wales.

FIRST FIELD ARTILLERY BRIGADE.

Wounded—Wheeler Wm. T. Dick, England.

STEAMSHIP NEBRASKAN SAILS FOR AMERICA

Repairs Effected After Damage Done by Torpedo.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 31.—The American steamship Nebraska, which was badly damaged by a German torpedo off the southern coast of Ireland on May 25, sailed from this port for Delaware today, repairs having been effected.

The torpedoing of the Nebraska caused a grave impression on Washington. The vessel at the time was on her way from Liverpool to America in ballast.

Roblin and 3 Colleagues Charged With Conspiracy

Members of Former Manitoba Government Give Themselves Up to Police and Are Released on \$50,000 Bail Each—Will Appear in Police Court Today.

(Canadian Press.)

WINNIPEG, Aug. 31.—The expected sequel to the report of the Mathers Commission on the Parliament Buildings scandal occurred this afternoon when four ministers of the late Government: Sir Rodmond Roblin, premier; Dr. W. H. Montague, minister of public works; James Howden, attorney-general; and George R. Caldwell, minister of education, submitted themselves to the authorities at the city police station.

They were released on \$50,000 bail each, \$25,000 being personal security. For Sir Rodmond, Aime Benard, present leader of the Conservative party in the Legislature, and D. E. Sprague, chief license commissioner, were bondsmen for the other \$25,000; for Dr. Montague, W. H. Cross and J. W. Montague; for Mr. Howden, George Hamilton of Neepawa and Stephen B. Stonehouse; and for Mr. Caldwell, Alex Reid and Andrew Simpson.

More charges probable. The ex-ministers will appear in the city police court tomorrow morning to answer the charge of conspiracy to defraud the public. They will then be remanded. An early date will be set for the preliminary hearing. More charges may, and very likely will, be laid, according to R. A. Bonnar, K. C., who is acting for the prosecution.

Warrants had been issued for the arrest of the men, but as they came forward voluntarily they were not served. All of the formalities of bail and bond signing were conducted behind closed doors in Deputy Chief of Police Newton's office, and extreme secrecy was observed in connection with the whole procedure.

R. A. Bonnar, seen after the proceedings were ended, explained that the ex-ministers had been admitted to bail and that they would appear in court tomorrow morning. A remand would then be asked for by the defence, and a date set for the preliminary hearing, which would likely be soon. The present charges were for conspiring to defraud the people, he said, and other charges, possibly of destroying public documents, might be laid later.

THREE NEWSPAPERMEN DROWN WHEN SPEED BOAT TURNS TURTLE

Four Victims of Fast Ride at Grand Rapids—Survivor Reports Story.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Aug. 31.—Four persons were drowned and two narrowly escaped when the speed boat, Edna H, tipped over in Reed's Lake late this afternoon.

Among the drowned were three newspaper men, all members of the staff of Grand Rapids evening papers, who had left their desks to accept the invitation for a ride in the new speed demon. The dead are W. Paul Weston, reporter; P. C. Jameson, city editor; A. G. Hunter, assistant city editor, and J. Harvey Smith, a civic expert.

Although exhausted Tinkham's first thought on reaching shore was for his paper, and he telephoned in the story of the tragedy, in which he so nearly lost his life.

FORTY PER CENT CROP ALONG LAKE ONTARIO

Ontario Apple Supply Light—Niagara Peaches Rotting.

OTTAWA, Aug. 31.—Telegrams to the fruit branch of the department of agriculture, from producing districts, report that in Nova Scotia apples are coloring well and growing fast; in the Lake Ontario district apples will not average more than 40 per cent of last year's crop; in the Niagara district the weather continues wet but cooler, and in some cases Triumph peaches have rotted before ripening.

The following messages were received yesterday by telegraph from the marketing centres:

St. John, N.B.—American apples, \$4.50 to \$5.50 per barrel; New Brunswick Crimson Beauties from \$2 to \$4; Duchess, \$2.50 to \$3 per barrel; Peaches, \$3 to \$3.50 per box; peaches, \$1.50 to \$1.75 per box. Market well stocked with tomatoes.

Montreal—Wholesale prices: California pears, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per box; California Crawford peaches, \$1.20 to \$1.50 per box; California plums, \$1.25 to \$1.50 per crate; Canadian Duchess, \$2.25 to \$2.50 per barrel and 25c to 30c per eleven-quart basket. Plums, large, 30c to 30c; plums, small, 25c to 25c; peaches, large, 40c to 45c; all eleven-quart baskets. Peaches, large, six-quart baskets, 40c to 50c per basket.

Winnipeg—Demand for apples good; pears, very good; tomatoes, fair; plums slow in city but good demand in country market; no demand for crab apples. Imported barrelled apples wholesaling: Duchess, \$3.50 to \$4; others, \$3.75 to \$4.50 for No. 1 Washington peaches, 40c to \$1 per box; first class E. C. Crawford peaches arrived today (Aug. 30). Two cars Ontario mixed fruit sold at 40c, wholesale, in six-quart baskets, plums and tomatoes; 50c; apples and plums in eleven-quart baskets, 50c.

IS CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT IN UNITED STATES CITY

Sarnia Bookkeeper Placed Under Arrest—Call It a Frame-Up.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

SAARNIA, Aug. 31.—Thomas Wicks, a bookkeeper employed by the T. H. Mueller Manufacturing Company of this city, was arrested this morning by the Sarnia police on a charge of embezzling \$10,000 from the water board of the American city of Hamstead, of which he was the superintendent for fourteen years prior to coming to Sarnia last spring.

The man was turned over to an American officer and was taken to Port Huron, to go from there to New York. Last April Wicks was turned out of office and it is alleged that when his books were gone over that the shortage was found. He disappeared and a chase through many states followed. His location was at last found by letters he mailed to friends from Port Huron.

While here Mr. and Mrs. Wicks made many friends. Mrs. Wicks left today with her daughter for New York. Wicks stated that the case was a political frame-up and that he could easily clear himself.

MANITOBA EX-MINISTERS WHO ARE CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY



Above—Sir Rodmond Roblin, Dr. W. H. Montague.

Below—J. H. Howden, G. R. Caldwell.

NICKEL COMMISSION BEGINS ITS LABORS

Will Visit Mining Camps and Refinery in New Jersey.

TORONTO, Aug. 31.—Mr. George T. Holloway, London, England, chairman of the Ontario Nickel Commission, made his initial appearance at the Parliament Buildings today, when he met his conferees on the board, Dr. Miller, Mr. McGregor Young and Mr. Gibson, secretary. He also had a conference with Premier Hearst and Hon. Howard Ferguson, minister of lands, forests and mines. Mr. Holloway arrived by the Mississauga on Monday.

Visits will be made to Sudbury and other places in Canada and to New Jersey, the centre of the International Nickel Company's refinery. If other information is regarded as necessary, the scope of the itinerary will be widened.

EXPLORER DEAD.

[Canadian Press.]

Vienna, via London, Sept. 1.—The death of Julius Payer, Polar explorer and painter, is announced.

MOVEMENT STARTED TO RAISE COMPANY OF ELGIN SOLDIERS

St. Thomas and County Associations to Unite Efforts.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

ST. THOMAS, Aug. 31.—Lieut.-Col. McMillan of the divisional headquarters at London, interviewed several municipal officers at the city hall here today, in regard to the formation of a company of Eight volunteers for overseas service with the 70th Battalion, now being mobilized at London.

Col. McMillan suggested the cooperation of the Elgin and St. Thomas Patriotic Associations, stating that patriotic associations throughout the Dominion are co-operating with the recruiting officers, and meeting with unusual success.

The suggestion of the lieutenant-colonel was at once accepted, and on Saturday, the 4th of September a meeting of the association will be held in this city, when the recruiting campaign in detail will be discussed, and definite action taken. A company of 250 strong will be enlisted, and known as the "Elgin Company," and will be attached to the 70th Battalion.

All recruits signed up by the recruiting officer from September 1 will be included in the Elgin contingent. Effort will be made to have the company officers by St. Thomas officers. K. W. McKay, county treasurer, and also treasurer of the Elgin Patriotic Association, attended the meeting, and has made arrangements for the commencing of the militia executive committee for Saturday.

Among those who attended the meeting were: Lieut.-Col. McMillan, London; Lieut.-Col. Green, St. Thomas; Capt. Geo. Stacey, Ald. Horton, Ald. Poole, Mayor Johnson, Warden McCall, City Solicitor Dolery, Lieut. W. J. Hardy, Capt. Green, County Treasurer K. W. McKay and Reeve McLeayre, Dutton, Ont.

TRAINMEN TO GIVE GUN.

ST. THOMAS, Aug. 31.—The Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen of this city has decided to contribute a machine gun for use by the Canadian soldiers at the front, and today a list was put in circulation for the gun. The machine gun is perhaps the greatest surprise to all. Throughout the month of June and July, it was a poor showing, but the latter part of July and throughout August, it has made remarkable headway, fully equalling the crop of other years. This is a gratifying fact, as the farmers here are not very optimistic over the crop outlook, but will have little difficulty in filling their silos.

MEXICAN GENERAL KILLED IN FIGHTING U. S. POSSE

Shot in Battle Fought in Green River Canyon After Raid on Texas Ranch.

EL PASO, Tex., Aug. 31.—Government officials here tonight said they had received reports confirming earlier rumors that Gen. Pascuro Orozco, prominent military leader during Mexican revolutions of the last five years, had been shot and killed in a battle between Mexicans and an American posse.

Civilians, U. S. customs officers and members of the 13th U. S. Cavalry participated in the battle, which, according to reports, was fought in the Green River canyon of the high Lonesome Mountains, Culberson County.

After a raid on the Dick Love ranch yesterday, Orozco and four companions were pursued from the Sierro Blanca country into the foothills. Orozco died at dusk tonight.

AUTO-TRUCK DASHES UP ONTO SIDEWALK KILLING TWO CHILDREN

Another Child Seriously Injured in Ottawa Accident—Driver Charged With Manslaughter.

OTTAWA, Aug. 31.—Juliette Lash, 5 years, and Georgia Potvin, 11 years, were run down and killed on Cumberland today by an auto-truck driven by Charles Tang, a chauffeur, of 211 Creighton street, who was taken into custody by the police and charged with manslaughter. The Lash child was instantly killed, and the Potvin girl died within a couple of hours. The truck ran up on the sidewalk, where the children were playing. Another child, Angelina Lash, aged 12, was severely injured. Tang was formerly employed as driver of the fire chief's auto, but was discharged from the department two weeks ago.

FIFTEEN KARAKUL SHEEP KILLED BY STRAY DOGS

Serious Loss for Clandeboye Man—Darius Windsor Injured by Lightning.

CLANDEBOYE, Aug. 20.—Roaming dogs killed fifteen valuable Karakul sheep belonging to Eli Rice on Thursday night last. This is the third flock that has been attacked in this district during the past couple of weeks, and if the dogs are not caught no doubt other raids will follow.

Mr. Davis of Windsor has almost recovered from the effects of being knocked over by a bolt of lightning which struck his barn last Tuesday.

FOUR-YEAR-OLD CHILD DIES FOLLOWING BURNS

Clothes Ignite When Can of Oil Explodes Beside Beach Bonfire.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

WINDSOR, Aug. 31.—After suffering a week of agony, death has relieved the sufferings of little Dorothy Drouillard of Tecumseh. The child, who was four years old, was badly burned when a can of oil exploded near a bonfire on the lakefront.

A twelve-year-old sister, in an effort to extinguish the flames, threw the little girl's blazing body into the lake, which was greatly appreciated. Judge Wallace also read an article on the voters' list act, the day being a most instructive one for the association.

EFFORT TO SECURE KALSCHMIOT MADE

British Ambassador Busy at Washington—New Evidence Secured.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

WINDSOR, Aug. 31.—Additional efforts will be made through the British ambassador at Washington to have the federal authorities of the United States take steps to apprehend Albert Kalschmidt, the Detroit man who is believed to be the brains of an organization of pro-Germans in Michigan who have incited the bomb outrages along the Canadian border.

It is believed that with the additional evidence the authorities have in their possession, obtained since the arrest of Chas. Respa, that such an effort, which failed once, might be successful now. It is thought that criminal proceedings, charging a breach of neutrality or conspiring to use the United States as a base for destructive raids on property in a friendly country, might be brought against the man in the United States federal courts.

Admission was made Tuesday morning by Province of West Ontario, that the letter Respa threw into the river while crossing over the Bois Blanc to Amherstburg may contain something which will unquestionably connect the man with the outrages in this vicinity and in other cities.

Friends of Respa maintain that he will be able to prove an alibi at his trial. They say that at the time of the explosions in Windsor and Walkerville the man was working at a garage in Hoboken, N. Y.

MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS MEET IN WOODSTOCK

Township Clerks and Treasurers Hold Annual Session.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

WOODSTOCK, Aug. 31.—The annual session of the Township Clerks and Treasurers Association was held in this city today, the chairman being Byron Blain of Respa maintain that he will be able to prove an alibi at his trial. They say that at the time of the explosions in Windsor and Walkerville the man was working at a garage in Hoboken, N. Y.

Representatives from the different parts of the county attended and listened to an able discourse dealing with the public health act given by Acting District Health Officer Dr. McNally of Guelph, which was greatly appreciated. Judge Wallace also read an article on the voters' list act, the day being a most instructive one for the association.

MANY SARNIANS ENLIST TO SERVE WITH COL. TOWERS

Home Guard of Imperial City Has Sixty Men.

SARNIA, Aug. 31.—The following young men of this district have been recruited here lately, and most of them are now with their corps at London. Many of them are for the new regiment, the 70th, which is being formed under the command of Lieut.-Col. Towers of Sarnia. The camp of this regiment is now being formed at London, under the direction of Quarter-Master Capt. Mackenzie.

The names are—Roy Downing, Canadian; Wm. Chapman, Canadian; George Hambleton, English; Walton Lott, Canadian; William Robertson, Scotch; James Hamblinton, English; A. J. Carter, Canadian; D. A. Manning, English; A. Bendig, English; Walter Wade, English; Joseph Vigneau, Canadian; and Ed. Jas. Hornely, Canadian.

CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION, TORONTO—GRAND TRUNK EXHIBIT.

The Grand Trunk System is making a powerful appeal to farmers and sportsmen in its exhibit at the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto this year.

The great natural resources of the country served by the railway are vividly portrayed. The centrepiece in the company's building is a display of grain grown in the prairie territory between Winnipeg and Edmonton, and in the rich valleys of British Columbia, opened up by the Grand Trunk Pacific's Transcontinental line, now in full operation to the Pacific coast.

The "man who feeds the allies" is the man of the hour, and the visitor sees him surrounded by the splendid products of his labor, and the patriotic side of his enterprise is fittingly emphasized.

The beauties of the Dominion are shown in a series of mural paintings running completely around the pavilion, and in a hundred bromides and illuminated transparencies.

For the sportsman, the magnificent hunting and fishing districts of the Highlands of Ontario have supplied their finest specimens of game heads and mounted fish to invite the angler and the hunter out into the wilds.

The route of the Dominion's new transcontinental train, "The National," is shown on the original historic map 25 feet long, which was prepared for the inspection of Canada's Parliament.

The Grand Trunk exhibit is, indeed, a presentation of all that the Dominion had to offer in lovely scenery, fertile lands and splendid sport.

Advertisement for 'The Lad's Car' featuring a vintage automobile and text: 'BOYS! GET BUSY IF YOU WANT TO EARN A LAD'S AUTOMOBILE. Any boy or girl between the ages of ten to twenty years is eligible to enter the contest... SPECIAL NOTICE! 1,000 VOTES. How To Get This Car Free! Rules of Contest. Nomination Blank. See Circulation Manager. London Advertiser.'