

STEEL MILLS REDUCING ALL THEIR PRICES

Huge Decline in England and Scotland Announced by Big Firms.

FOREIGN TRADE IS BULLING THE MARKET

Dearer Home-Made Articles Cannot Be Sold in Competition with Cheaper Goods.

London, Jan. 21.—The steel-makers along the northeast coast today adopted a policy of drastic price cutting, the reductions ranging from 23 per cent for rails and ship plates to 24 per cent for other products.

The action of the northeast coast steel-makers on Thursday in making a reduction of from twenty to seventy per cent on their products is said to have been necessitated by increased foreign competition, which has virtually stopped demands for the dearer home-made articles.

AIRMAN FORCED DOWN DECLARES HE IS CANADIAN

But Government Says He Was Not on Any Official Business.

YOUTH AND WOMAN IN DISABLED CRAFT Forced to Land in a Field Near Buffalo Where Customs Seizes Plane.

New York, Jan. 21.—A special dispatch from Buffalo to the Standard says: "An aeroplane bearing the insignia of the Royal Canadian Flying Corps was forced to land in a field near Buffalo yesterday. The pilot, a young man wearing the uniform of the Canadian force, as soon as he was on the ground he gave a hand to his companion and a young lady stepped out.

What He Claimed. "I am a member of the Royal Canadian air force, making an official trip from Toronto to Memphis, Tenn," he said. "I'll be back after the machine tomorrow. Neither he nor his companion has returned. The plane bore the Royal Canadian Flying Corps insignia and these letters: 'C-400'."

Customs officials seized the plane a little later, charging a violation of the law in entering the country without the payment of duty.

Not Government Machine. Ottawa, Jan. 21.—Official denial was given by the Canadian Air Board here tonight that the aeroplane which landed in a field in Memphis, Tenn., was a government-owned machine. All machines owned by the Canadian government bear the letters 'C-400' with two other letters. The machine bearing the inscription 'C-400' could not possibly be an official aeroplane. Officials here say that it is possible the aviator is a member of the Royal Canadian Air Force, but if so, his trip was a private one. "It is quite certain," said an official, "that the aviator was not making an official trip from Toronto to Memphis, Tenn."

Foreign Skins Are Much Below Record

Declines in New York Range from 35 to 75 Per Cent. in Auction.

Special to The Standard. New York, Jan. 21.—Selling of foreign furs, among them more than a ton of rabbit skins from the antipodes, was a feature of the fifth day of the annual winter auction now going on in the Masonic Hall here. Chinese, Australian, Tasmanian and Dutch skins were among the day's offerings. Prices again showed marked declines from spring sale levels ranging from 35 to 75 per cent. below the average figures then paid by buyers for similar pelts. The only domestic pelts sold today were wolf and opossum. Average prices for wolf were 50 per cent. below the April sale averages, while opossum showed a decrease of 60 per cent.

TWO SENTENCED TO DIE

Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 21.—Raymond P. Mulford and Floyd E. Sliver were today sentenced to death for the murder of Abraham Yellen, Seneca street merchant, on Thanksgiving Day. Harold Webber, third member of the gang who was allowed to plead guilty to murder, second degree, was given a sentence of 25 years to life imprisonment.

Secretary of State Heart Disease Victim

Mr. Sifton's Illness Caused by Overwork.

LONG CAREER OF HON. A. L. SIFTON ENDED BY DEATH

"Sphinx" of the Federal Cabinet Succumbs to Attack of Heart Trouble.

GAVE HIS LIFE TO HELP WESTERN CANADA

Resigned Position as Chief Justice of the Territories to Become Premier of Alberta.

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—Hon. A. L. Sifton, secretary of state for Canada died at 3:30 o'clock this morning at his apartment at the Chateau Laurier. A short time before Mr. Sifton had lapsed into unconsciousness. When his "sphinx" was his son, and Senator W. J. Harcourt, who was a close friend. On Tuesday, after a consultation of specialists, hope was expressed for the recovery of Mr. Sifton, who suffered from arterial sclerosis, (hardening of the arteries) but another relapse early this morning ended fatally. The deceased cabinet minister had been ill for some weeks.

Born in Ontario.

Right Hon. Arthur Lewis Sifton, K.C.M.G., LL.B., D.C.L., (Medicine Hon.), was born in Middlesex County, six miles from the city of London, Ont., Oct. 28, 1859. He was a son of John Wright Sifton, for some years a member and for one term speaker of the legislature of Manitoba, and of his wife, Kate Watkins, both of Irish descent. In 1886 he removed with his parents to Manitoba where his father executed a number of large contracts in various parts of the province and also conducted successfully a large wheat farm near Brandon, Man.

Career in Law.

In May, 1886, he started the study of law in Winnipeg, and was admitted to the Manitoba bar in 1887. He first practiced in Brandon, where he was a member of the first city council in 1887. Shortly afterwards he removed to Prince Albert, Sask., and after practicing there for a short time took up residence in Calgary. Mr. Sifton was elected member of the Old Northwest Assembly in 1891 and in 1891 became commissioner of public works in the Haultain ministry. The same year he was created K. C.

Question Balloonists About Their Fight

Lieut. Hinton Declares Lieut. Farrell Was in an Extremely Nervous Condition.

Rockaway, N. Y., Jan. 21.—The condition of Lieut. Hinton (Stephens A. Farrell) at the time of his altercation with Lieut. Walter Hinton at Mattice, Ontario after the three United States naval balloons arrived there from Moose Factory following their flight from Rockaway was the subject of investigation by the naval board of inquiry here today.

Two Fishery Officers For New Brunswick

J. A. Goulett of Hampton Village and F. W. Barry of Fredericton Selected.

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—The appointment is gazetted of Melvin F. McLeod, Inverness, N. S.; James A. Goulett, Hampton Village, N. B., and Francis W. Barry, Fredericton, N. B., as fishery officers within the Eastern Fisheries Division. This division comprises the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

ANOTHER WAR WOULD WRECK CIVILIZATION

So Declares Hon. N. W. Rowell in Address Before New York Canadian Club.

CANADA AND STATES MUST STAND FIRM

E. W. Beatty, President of the C. P. R., Reviews War Work of Transportation.

New York, Jan. 21.—In the belief of Hon. N. W. Rowell, formerly president of the Privy Council of the Dominion of Canada, and more recently one of the Canadian delegates to the assembly of the League of Nations at Geneva, as he expressed that belief to the Canadian Club, at its big gathering here tonight, a cardinal principle of Canadian policy is and should be, as follows:

"That Canada, associated with Great Britain and geographically with the United States, the daughter of one and the sister of the other and bound to both by ties of race, of language and of common ideals, should endeavor to assist in interpreting the one to the other and in promoting that cordial understanding and wholehearted co-operation so urgently needed in view of the present critical world situation, so that the men of our race, in whatever land they may dwell, and under which ever flag they live, they march together to further those ideas of peace, justice and ordered liberty for the realization of which the world waits, and upon which the future of our present civilization depends."

Mr. Rowell declared that if our civilization is to be saved, another great world war must be averted.

Mr. E. W. Beatty

E. W. Beatty, president of the C. P. R., who was a guest, sketched out the war service of his transportation service. Touching on general conditions in the Dominion, he said: "I have no fear for Canada. There is no ground for pessimism in the circumstance that unusual problems have to be met. There is every reason for effort and every ground for same optimism. Of course there will be readjustments."

Whole Council To Go To Jail

Voted Money to Aid Irish Republican Army — "Stand Fast" Advises De Valera.

Dublin, Jan. 21.—Eamonn De Valera, "President of the Irish Republic," in a message to the Irish people appeals to them to remain "standfast in the republican cause. Nobody can be base enough to barter away that for which our noblest have given their lives," he says in the course of the message, "so though the moment be dark and the world unheeding, confident of final success, let us face the new year of the republic ready to endure whatever may be necessary to win for those coming after us the precious boon of permanent peace and security, liberty in their native land."

Ontario Man Is Killed By Bandits

Restaurant Keeper Dies in Hospital as a Result of Wounds Inflicted.

Woodstock, Ont., Jan. 21.—Ben Johnston, the restaurant keeper who was shot by hold-up men last night in the General Hospital at 7:45 o'clock tonight. He was operated on at two o'clock this morning and never regained consciousness. Besides his wife he is survived by two children. Mr. Johnston was a native of Danville, but had been in business here for several years. The police stated tonight that there have been no developments in connection with the capture of the bandits.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA

Sir George Foster was in W. Poteboro last night in the interests of the Government candidate in the by-election.

Woodstock, Ont., restaurant keeper is shot to death by two bandits.

Two hundred out-of-work raids another Montreal restaurant and demand a dinner. Police are held in reserve to prevent any more descents upon the restaurant.

Toronto magistrate sends careless chauffeur who killed a man to jail for three years.

UNITED STATES

Cleveland bankers decide to discount all Canadian money at twenty per cent.

Unemployment situation in the United States shows slight improvement, especially in Detroit.

THE BRITISH ISLES

Steel makers in England and Scotland make some big slashes in product prices.

Entire council of Irish village to be sent to jail for voting money to help Irish army.

British descent upon Sinn Feiners preparing an ambush and capture six persons.

EUROPE

French House vote confidence in the Briand government.

Austria to make a last minute appeal to Britain to help save her from ruin.

CABINET SPLITS OVER PLACE FOR J. F. TWEEDDALE

Premier Said to Favor Him for Chairman of the Prohibition Committee.

DOUBT IF CHOICE WOULD BE ACCEPTED

Former Minister Has Lost Favor by Sharp Criticisms of Present Government.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 21.—It is understood the delay in naming the Prohibition Commission is caused by differences of opinion in the Cabinet as to the appointment of Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, former Minister of Agriculture, as chairman of the Liquor Commission on a permanent basis at a salary which will provide him with a living, the other members of the board being called in for meetings in an advisory capacity more or less.

Out With the Party. In fact, it was predicted today that such opposition was developing to Hon. J. F. Tweeddale's appointment, that it was doubtful whether it could be "put over" when it came to a final decision. During his recent visit here, he has been busy condemning everything and almost every connected with the Government for the benefit of all who cared to listen and has laid the verbal attacks on the commission on a permanent basis at a salary which will provide him with a living, the other members of the board being called in for meetings in an advisory capacity more or less.

Thirty Want Positions. Premier Foster is said to be committed to support Mr. Tweeddale. Over the other appointments to the commission there is not such a hard fight, but with thirty odd aspirants for three jobs making the selections is not a pleasant duty.

Cleveland Discounts All Canadian Money Over Twenty Per Cent.

Cleveland, Jan. 21.—In an effort to break up the operations of United States banks acting through the Cleveland clearing house, late today voted to accept Canadian money only at a discount of 20 per cent. This action was taken after a committee of bankers earlier in the day had agreed to discount silver and paper money alike.

Flood Land With Coal

Organized gangs have been flooding Northern cities of the country with Canadian coal and have been making profits of thousands of dollars which United States banks have lost, according to J. C. Henderson, manager of the Commercial division of the Guaranty Savings and Trust Company in the city.

S. L. PARMITER IS DEAD

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 21.—S. L. Parmiter of Harbor was died today at Glovertown as the result of injuries sustained yesterday when the steam hoisting crane he was operating overturned.

CONTEST FOR PRIZE AUTOS HAS STARTED

Lively Race for The Standard's \$2,950 Studebaker Car With Many Contestants.

MANY READY FOR THE OPENING DAY

Early Birds Have the Best Chance to Win, But There is Time for All Yet.

This race started this morning for the \$2,950 worth of costly automobiles, Motor Star Contracts, and other free prizes which The Standard will give away free in a few short weeks. The following entrants are the first to be enrolled. They are the "early birds," so to speak. Are the winners' names in this list or will they be seen in later? The numbers set opposite each name represent the votes that have been polled in the ballot box for each of them:—

- Appleby, Mr. Irving..... 10,000
- Anderson, Miss Margaret..... 10,000
- Baskin, R. C..... 10,000
- Borden, Miss B..... 10,000
- Bromage, A. G..... 10,000
- Brown, Miss Minnie..... 10,000
- Bowie, Capt..... 10,000
- Buchanan, Miss Annie..... 10,000
- Burton, Geo. H..... 10,000
- Boyd, Geo. H..... 10,000
- Blaichard, Miss Alice May..... 10,000
- Cohen, Columbus..... 10,000
- Cullen, Charles..... 10,000
- Crype, George..... 10,000
- Crawford, Robert..... 10,000
- Crane, Mrs. J. J..... 10,000
- Cunningham, Hugh..... 10,000
- Cunningham, Wm..... 10,000
- Cooman, Miss Austin F..... 10,000
- Coggins, J. B..... 10,000
- Cook, Fred R..... 10,000
- Chadwick, Harold..... 10,000
- Doherty, Arthur..... 10,000
- Dow, Cecil..... 10,000
- Dryden, Leonard..... 10,000
- Doney, Miss Bess..... 10,000
- Foehay, S. S..... 10,000
- Furlong, Mrs. Mary J..... 10,000
- Fillmore, R. L..... 10,000
- Geary, Mrs. Chas. W..... 10,000
- Geary, Wm..... 10,000
- Gardner, Mr..... 10,000
- Green, Mrs. Victoria..... 10,000
- Green, Mrs. Harry C..... 10,000
- Green, Miss Kathleen A..... 10,000
- Gaskin, J. W..... 10,000
- Hayes, Harry..... 10,000
- Harling, Edward..... 10,000
- Klayman, Louis..... 11,400
- Kierstead, Miss Maud B..... 10,400
- Land, Wm..... 10,000
- Lamb, Mrs. Susan..... 10,000
- Lamb, Mrs. Chas. W..... 10,000
- Mascobebchio, Danny..... 10,000
- Herritt, Stanley..... 10,000
- Malloy, Miss Agnes..... 10,000

AUSTRIA ASKS BRITISH HELP

Situation So Grave That Nation is Making an Eleventh Hour Appeal for Aid.

London, Jan. 21.—Reports received here of the resignation of the Austrian Government are declared to be unfounded, but the Austrian minister in London declared today in an interview that the situation in his country view that the situation in his country is so grave that he was making an eleventh hour appeal for assistance to the British Government.

Tried To Murder Turk Nationalist

London, Jan. 21.—A despatch from Smyrna received in Athens says that a Turkish aviator, Lieut. Hoochin, attempted to assassinate Mustafa Kemal Pasha, the Turkish Nationalist leader, by firing three shots at him, according to a despatch from Athens. The attempt failed.

Sir Martin Harvey Improving Rapidly

Toronto, Jan. 21.—Sir John Martin Harvey, the distinguished actor who has been ill since Wednesday is making a rapid recovery. The physicians attending him, Doctors W. P. Caven and R. T. Noble, announced today that his illness was caused by septic infection, resulting from an abrasion of the right foot, and that he was rapidly convalescing and in a few days would be absolutely back to normal.

ADMITS KILLING WIFE

Rome, Jan. 21.—Luigi Ignazio Mesones, who was arrested a year ago charged with the murder of his wife, Elce daughter of Attilio Simmetti, proprietor of one of the best known art galleries in Rome, has confessed. He wrote a note to the judge who has had his case under advisement saying he killed his wife and desired to make a complete confession.

Three Years in Prison For Careless Chauffeur

Toronto Judge Sends to Penitentiary Driver Who Killed Walter Spencer.

Toronto, Jan. 21.—Justice Orde today sentenced Bernard Craney to three years at Portsmouth penitentiary for the killing of Walter Spencer whom he had run down with his motor car.

FEEDING HUNGRY GREAT TASK OF AMERICAN TOWNS

Toledo Giving Away Thousands of Loaves of Bread Every Day Now.

HUGE GAIN IN CALLS FOR AID

Detroit Conditions Improve Slightly During the Week and Fewer Men Out.

Toledo, O., Jan. 21.—Fifteen thousand loaves of bread and five thousand quarts of milk were placed at the disposal of Mayor Cornell Schreiber today for distribution among Toledo's hungry. About three thousand unemployed by a local business man, are coming in so rapidly that the mayor will order emergency measures to provide relief. The lists now show 222 families in distress.

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Great Increase in Need. Boston, Jan. 21.—Unemployment has caused a 97 per cent. increase in appeals for aid so far this year, the city overflows of the poor reported to Mayor Peters today. New cases are coming in so rapidly that the mayor will order emergency measures to provide relief. The lists now show 222 families in distress.

DETROIT CONDITIONS IMPROVE SLIGHTLY DURING THE WEEK AND FEWER MEN OUT

Detroit, Jan. 21.—A further slight improvement in the unemployment situation in the Detroit area was reported by the Employers' Association which includes 70 of the larger factories today. About three thousand men were put to work by members of the association and smaller firms during the week, it was estimated. This shows a decrease of approximately 5,000 in the unemployed here, as compared with two weeks ago, when the number was placed at 160,000.

SIR GEO. FOSTER IN W. PETERBORO

"Send Us a Man on Feb. 7 of Good Business Ability and No Fads."

Peterboro, Ont., Jan. 21.—Fifteen hundred people packed the Opera House here this evening to hear Sir George Foster, and others address a meeting in the interests of H. Deane, government candidate in the West Peterboro by-election. Sir George said he was present as a citizen of Canada. He said the purpose of the vote was to contribute to the sanity, morality and good administration of the country.

Canada needs safe and responsible men in the government. The world is undergoing a period of readjustment. Perhaps you are embarrassed, Sir George said, in having so many suits for your hand. Whatever you do on February seventh, send a man who has good business ability and one who has not a weakness for fads.

NO MANDATE TO RESIGN

Sir George said the government had no mandate to resign. Referring to the tariff issue he charged the Liberal Party with having injected the tariff issue into the campaign. He said the government of the country was fighting on policy and issues in order that the electors might deposit their ballots in a spirit of calm judgment. He criticized the protection policy of the Liberal candidate and characterized it as a two-headed horse. Replying to an assertion made by the Liberal candidate to the effect that a shipping combine existed and was controlled by Montreal millionaires, he said the increased cost of shipping Canada's products overseas was one of the results of the war and not due to any shipping combine.

MURDERED INSPECTOR WITH MOUNTED RIFLES

Officer Shot Dead in Ireland Served as Private With Canadian Forces.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 21.—District Inspector Clarke, killed in an ambush near Dublin yesterday, was a surveyor's assistant in Winnipeg previous to the war and shortly after war broke out joined the Canadian Mounted Rifles going overseas as a private. In June, 1916, he joined an Irish unit believed to be the Dublin Battalion as a commissioned officer. There is no trace locally of his brothers, who according to the Dublin despatch, were with him in the army during the war.

COAL SHED BURNED

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 21.—The coal shed adjoining the Blacksmith shop of the Canadian National Railway, was destroyed by fire this evening.

CAUGHT SINN FEINERS BUSY AT AMBUSH

British Arrived on Scene Unexpectedly and Captured Six of the Party.

POLICE BARRACKS UNDER HEAVY FIRE

Roads Dug Full of Trenches and Blocked by Felling Trees.

Dublin, Jan. 21.—Information was obtained by the police this morning that an ambush was being prepared at the Tolka river bridge on the Drumcondra tramline, two miles from the centre of the city. The police surprised the party and, after the men, wounding one of them and capturing six others.

Attack Police Barracks.

It is reported from Thurles that police barracks at Holy Cross, Sherris and Rokeen, were attacked during the night. All roads leading to these places had been trenced and blocked by trees. The attacking parties were repulsed in each instance. The Holy Cross barracks were subjected to a heavy fire which was returned by the garrison. No casualties have been reported.

DRAYTON SAYS EXTRAVAGANCE CHECKED HERE

In Spite of Harder Times Canada's Exports Show a Huge Increase.

BIG BUSINESS IS DOMINION ESSENTIAL

Educated Men Big Need of Business Declares Gen. Sir Arthur Currie.

Montreal, Jan. 21.—Speaking at the annual banquet tonight of the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association, Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, made special reference to "big business," its duties and its obligations. He pointed out that the term and the slur that goes with it is frequently heard, but that there was nothing inherently wrong with it. "You gentlemen," he said, "fittingly represent big business not on account of your investments or dividends, but because while in 1861 your employees numbered 26,775. Big, because your activities support whole villages and render possible thousands of happy Canadian homes, lived in by contented Canadians."

Checking Extravagance.

Sir Henry said that Canadian extravagance, so prevalent last year, had now been definitely arrested, yet at the same time and notwithstanding the fact the prices have fallen, our exports to the end of December were \$33,000,000 higher than they were for the like period last year. For the year 1921 he stated that revenues must be maintained and the pulp and paper industry would have to be taxed.

At this morning's session of the convention, Percy B. Wilson of St. John's, Nfld., was elected president and George McKee of Donnacona, Que., vice-president.

Business and Education.

General Sir Arthur Currie, principal of McGill University, addressed the convention at its closing luncheon on the relation of the university to industry. He strongly urged the point that men with academic knowledge were of much more use in getting full value from forestry resources than men less scientifically equipped. "It is the province of the university to supply the ideas and increase scientific knowledge; it is for your industry to supply the means of transmitting these ideas, knowledge and ideals into action."

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