

BURY OPPOSED TO GOVT. OWNERSHIP

(Canadian Press Despatch)

Winnipeg, July 19.—Government ownership has not been a success; it can never be made to work successfully so far as the Canadian National line is concerned, for there is no incentive for men to go ahead. Under private ownership the good man is promoted, and the poor man is laid aside, but under government control the good man is not promoted and the poor man is never discharged, declared Sir George Bury, former vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, now in the city.

Sir George is strongly in favor of the plan advocated by Lord Shaughnessy some time ago, whereby the whole government railway system be brought under the direction of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Discussing prohibition, the former Canadian Pacific Railway official said: "It is the greatest curse that ever hit this country."

CHORUS GIRLS SEEK ANY KIND OF WORK

(New York Sun)

The employing agent looked incredulously at the bewitching young creature who had offered herself for any kind of domestic service, from lady's maid to general housework. Her violet colored eyes were fixed upon him pleadingly. He noted that she was rather smartly dressed, and that she carried herself with a dash that contrasted oddly with a suspicious trembling of her lower lip.

"Can you cook?" inquired the employment agency dubiously. "I can make lovely Welsh rabbit in a chafin dish," she replied eagerly, "and very good fudge, and—and I can boil eggs."

"I have a client," said the agent, "who wants a cook right away, but I guess she requires a larger repertoire than Welsh rabbit, fudge and boiled eggs. She keeps a theatrical boarding house."

The applicant's face fell and the violet eyes sought the floor, on which she traced a despairing design with the tip of her pretty parasol.

"It's no use," she said with a sigh. "I could never cook for a theatrical boarding house. I know, because I live in one."

"Just as I suspected," cried the employment agent. "You're another of those chorus ladies out of work."

"Yes," said the girl with the suspicion of a sob. "There are hundreds of us in the same fix—hundreds. I've tried to find some thing else to do—office work, department store, anything—but it wasn't any use. Now my landlady wants my room, and I—can't find some place where I can work until next month, when the musical comedy producers will start engaging people for the Fall shows?"

Many Placed as Nursemaids. "I'll see what I can do," said the employment agent, and then added admiringly: "There wouldn't be any difficulty about it if heads of families had the hiring of the household help and not their wives."

He related afterward that the incident was only one of many, some of which actually had resulted in the household employment of chorus girls who had



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been brought face to face with penny. White fever have been engaged as cooks, many have turned nursemaids. Others have found a variety of odd jobs to tide over the uncommonly dismal slump in theatricals.

The closing of a large number of musical shows on the road, partly owing to excessive transportation rates and partly to a general apathy in the neighborhood of the boxoffice window, is quieted by theatrical men as the first cause of the distressful condition in the ranks of "extra people." And the second cause is a complete slump in the business of filming "movie" attractions.

Formerly the summer cessation of stage work was not a serious matter to the chorus girl or her stately professional sister, the show girl, because the film companies were working at full pressure from May to August and she could step right into work grinning at a \$8 to \$10 a day, or a good deal more if she happened to be exceptionally gifted for the screen. But this year the mills of the movies have ceased to grind.

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Lord Queenborough Weds Miss Miller

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New York, July 19.—Lord Queenborough, a member of the Paget family, ennobled by Henry VIII of England, was married today to Miss Edith Starr Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Starr Miller, at the bride's home in Fifth avenue. The ceremony, which was attended by only a few relatives and intimate friends, was performed by the Rev. Dr. Archibald B. Mansfield, of the Seaman's Church Institute.

Lord Queenborough (Almeric Hugh Paget) was raised to the peerage in 1918. This is his second marriage into a prominent United States family. His first wife, who was Pauline Whitney, daughter of William C. Whitney, former secretary of the navy, died in 1916.

BUILDING HELD UP

Ottawa, July 19.—Eight million dollars worth of projected building is being held up in Toronto, according to Senator G. D. Robertson. The work is not being proceeded with because the present cost of construction would be unprofitable from the investors' point of view.

On Thursday a second conference will be held here.

THE U. S. TARIFF

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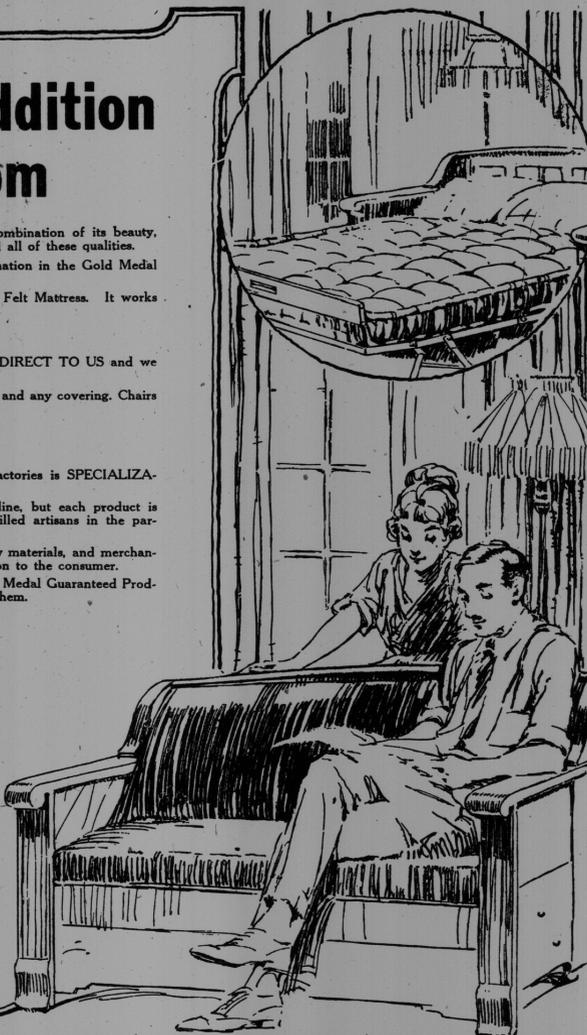
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