

CHRISTMAS BRINGS UNWELCOME 'CUTS'

Industrial Conditions in U. S. Not Conducive to Yuletide Cheer.

New York, Dec. 23.—(By Canadian Press).—Christmas gifts of a grim and unwelcome kind fell this year to many thousands of families throughout the industrial sections of the United States. Ground between the upper and nether millstones of the economic "readjustment" that has been dragging out its unpleasant course for months, wages earners who can be counted by the hundreds of thousands passed into this Yuletide season suffering from no work, work on short schedules, or greatly reduced wages. Thru some diabolical coincidences the date set for drastic "cuts" in many textile establishments of the east was December 20, the Monday of Christmas week.

In the aggregate the readjustment has become serious to many thousands, and only last week sweeping announcements from points in New England foretold cuts in wages affecting, it is estimated, one-third of the employees in the textile trades in that great industrial centre of the United States, Santa Claus had nothing to do with this Christmas gift. The explanation in every case has been the same—"lack of orders and stock conditions in the textile industry."

The slowing down in industry has not been confined to the textile trades, but the textile and clothing branches have felt the full brunt of it. Two hundred thousand less workers apparently are employed in factories in this state at present than in March of this year. The decline in employment in October and November was the most widespread and of the greatest volume since the first evidence of a period of depression appeared last spring.

The economic phenomenon, variously described as depression, reaction, and readjustment in industry, has been dealt with by many authorities, but the general understanding of it is that the high price boom of war days has come to an end and an era of lower prices, and lower production costs, is setting in. The process, it appears, cannot be carried out without the most painful consequences to many people.

PATIENTS SAVE THEMSELVES.

Peter's, C.B., Dec. 23.—Members of the staff, together with 27 patients, succeeded in saving themselves yesterday when the Richmond county asylum for the insane caught fire from a defective fuse and was completely destroyed. Later the patients were removed to the public market hall, where they are now quartered.

Many Gaps in the Ranks Of British Aristocracy

London, Dec. 23.—After a break of nearly four years, "Burke's Peerage" is reissued in a new, carefully revised edition. Never since the Wars of the Roses have so many members of the aristocracy fallen in battle, and the gaps in the ranks of the titled classes have been many and wide. The apocryphal motto of more than 200 hereditary honors has been directly affected, and nearly the same number of heirs were killed.

The changes in hereditary peerages cover a royal dukedom, three marquises, seven earldoms, 16 viscounts, and 46 baronies. In the same period 15 peerages have become extinct. The new order of the British Empire, included in the present edition, includes over 26,000 members of all classes. The title of Dame, says Burke, is a revival of an ancient honor, formerly prefixed to the name of a knight or baronet's wife.

RESTORE BIG SEIZURE OF EDMONTON WHISKY

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 23.—Fifty-nine thousand dollars worth of seized whisky, which has been held since the first week of October under seizure by the crown, will be restored this afternoon to the warehouse of the Nat. Bell Liquors, Limited, as the result of an order issued by Mr. Justice Hyndman this morning, directing that the liquor be returned to the owners.

In addition to quashing Magistrate McLeod's conviction and forfeiture order, Mr. Justice Hyndman gives the attorney-general the right to appeal to a higher court on both orders.

ALIEN SHIPS MUST FILL CONDITIONS SET BY U. S.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Foreign ships on which conditions were below those set by the United States merchant marine would be denied entrance to United States ports under a bill introduced today by Chairman Jones, of the senate commerce committee. The measure would become effective 90 days after its passage and it is described as one "to promote and develop the interests of the American merchant marine." In addition to other papers now required by law, foreign vessels would be forced to carry permits issued by the United States shipping board.

BROKE WINDOWS, STOLE BILLS.

Seranton, Penn., Dec. 23.—New currency drafted on two illuminated Christmas trees in windows of the First National Bank, at the most prominent business corner of the city, attracted thieves just before daybreak today. They hurriedly broke the windows and gathered up the bills, indifferent to the burglar alarm loudly clanging over their heads. Police hurried to the scene and picked up the men with their pockets bulging with the new bank notes. Both are deaf mutes.

LIEUT. O. DEMPSTER HOME FROM RUSSIA

Tells of Terrible Conditions—Was Kept in Dungeon—Left Toronto as Private.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 23.—Taken prisoner by the Bolsheviks during the reign of terror in Russia, thrown into verminous dungeons there to subsist on hot water and black bread, manufactured out of straw and partially ground oats, was the fate of Lieut. O. Dempster, of Toronto, and Lieut. E. E. Fyford, of Prince Albert, Sask., who arrived back in Canada today on the C.P.O.S. liner Empress of France.

Eight Decorations. Lieut. Dempster left Toronto as a private at the beginning of the great war and served in France for four and a half years. He won the M.C., M.S.M., 1915 Star, Victory Medal, Croix de Guerre, General Service Medal and the Belgian and French decorations.

In August, 1919, he joined the Royal Army Service Corps and went to Siberia. He recounts suffering terrible hardships, including vile conditions in imprisonment camps for four months in Moscow. Speaking of conditions in Russia, Lieut. Dempster said they were terrible. Just before leaving they saw an official report stating that 4,000 men, women and children had been shot. While prisoners in Petrograd they saw 3,000 ex-officers arrested, and six hundred of them shot to death. In November, 3,000 women were mobilized, irrespective of age or conditions, and forced to chop wood. Legal murder, said Lieut. Dempster, was rampant throughout the whole of Russia, and it was felt that conditions will never be bettered while the Reds are in power.

Mississippi Does Not Want Mennonites From Canada

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 23.—The officers of the Mississippi branch of the American Legion announced here last night that they will immediately file a protest with the authorities at Washington against the immigration to Mississippi of a large number of Mennonites from Canada. The Legion, it was said, opposes the colonization project on the grounds that the Mennonites are undesirable in that they are "conscientious objectors" to military service and teach only the German language in their schools. "If necessary Legion officers said, counsel will be employed to fight the movement in the courts."

The resolution with the statement that the Mennonites were conscientious objectors during the war added that they stayed at home "while Canada was being bled white in the trenches."

Rome Declares Y. M. C. A. Corrupts Faith of Youth

Rome, Dec. 23.—The holy office issued a decree today asking Catholic bishops to watch "an organization which, while professing absolute freedom of thought in religious matters, instils indifference and apostasy to the Catholic religion in the minds of its adherents." The decree mentions the Young Men's Christian Association by name. The decree says it is upheld by many Catholics who do not know its real nature, and that "it corrupts the faith of youths."

Clauses of the canon law, which forbid papers, periodicals and organizations favoring religious radicalism and indifference are recalled in the decree, which requests the bishops to communicate with the holy see within six months the decisions taken on the subject at regional congresses.

Greek Bank Officials Ordered To Leave Asia Minor at Once

Constantinople, Dec. 23.—Greeks employed in provincial branches of the Ottoman Bank in the Heneakles coal fields have been ordered to leave Asia Minor within 48 hours. Turkish Nationalists, who control ports along the Black Sea coast of Asia Minor, have commanded local Greek steamers anchored in those harbors.

All Obligations Disavowed By the Armenian Soviet

London, Dec. 23.—The Armenian soviet has decreed the abolition of private property and the renunciation of all debts and other obligations, says a despatch to The London Times from Constantinople.

A. LEITHHEAD DIES SUDDENLY.

Montreal, Dec. 23.—Alfred Leithhead, president of the Montreal Herald Publishing Company, Limited, died suddenly early this morning at his residence, 303 Quebec avenue, Outremont.

He was fifty years of age. Mr. Leithhead had been president of The Montreal Herald for two years, and previously he had been manager of The Montreal Standard. In his younger days the deceased was an active participant in sports and was well-known as a sprinter of some merit.

COUNTRESS OF MINTO ARRIVES.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 23.—The C.P.O. S. liner Empress of France arrived in port this morning from Liverpool. Among the nobles on board was the Right-Hon. the Countess of Minto, who came to Canada to attend the Right Hon. the Countess of Minto, which will take place in Montreal in the near future.

FARMER IS LEADER.

Truro, N.S., Dec. 23.—Xino opposition members of the legislature held a meeting here yesterday to select a provincial leader. D. W. Mackenzie, of Malagath, one of the two Farmer members for Cumberland, was chosen. It was decided to hold a Farmer-Labor convention at Halifax about the middle of January.

TWO KILLED, FOUR HURT, AT FIRE IN ST. JOHN'S

St. John's Nfld., Dec. 23.—Two firemen were killed and four injured in a fire which destroyed the Star Theatre here today. One of the walls collapsed, burying the six men under a mass of debris. The loss was placed at \$50,000. This was the latest of several recent fires in the city. On Sunday the government's infectious diseases hospital was burned, with a loss of \$50,000, and last week the buildings of a large bakery concern in the suburbs were destroyed, causing a loss of \$100,000.

DOMINIONS ALSO HAVE UNEMPLOYED

British Papers Scoff at Lloyd George's Policy of Emigration.

London, Dec. 23.—The Times and Daily Mail both make scornful comments today upon Premier Lloyd George's suggestion that emigration would relieve unemployment in these islands, pointing out that the overseas dominions and the United States are also confronted with serious unemployment problems. "We are faced with the difficulty that if the emigrants are of the type that would be readily accepted abroad, we cannot afford to lose them while they have suffered in health and lack capital they will not be permitted to land," The Mail declares.

The Times directs attention to what it calls the fiasco of the recent emigration bill, when, it says, the dominions were told in so many words that they were trying to rob this country of useful men whose presence here was absolutely necessary to supply the ravages made by the war. Now that times are hard, The Times adds, the Government turns in a panic to a suggestion which it then did its utmost to discourage.

MIX-UP IN WEST OVER RELIEF WORK

Failure of Reply From Meighen to Oliver's Telegrams Concerns Officials.

Victoria, B.C., Dec. 23.—Failure of telegrams from Premier Oliver to bring extra sections of the following increased the concern today of those who are working to arrive at some solution of the unemployed problem here.

Premier Oliver has been telegraphing Ottawa for the details of the Dominion government's offer of donating, with the provincial governments, and municipalities, one-third of the money needed for relief. The premier has been seeking information since the first of the week, so the government here has not yet started with the relief work.

The situation was further complicated this morning by the arrival from Ottawa of the Hon. S. P. Tolmie, minister of agriculture, who said that he had never heard of any such one-third under the government, of which he was a member.

EXPLOSION AND FIRE ON BARGE AT GALVESTON

Galveston, Texas, Dec. 23.—One man was killed, three others injured and property losses estimated at from \$100,000 to \$500,000 entailed by an explosion and fire at the Southern Pacific oil terminals on the water front this afternoon. The explosion occurred at the bulkhead of the Barge of the National Oil Company, which was discharging cargo at pier "A," the Southern Pacific oil terminal.

EXTRA SERVICE VIA GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM ACCORDING TO CHRISTMAS TRAVEL.

In order to take care of Christmas holiday travel and to relieve regular trains, extra sections of the following will be run on Friday, December 24. First section of train No. 15 will leave Toronto 5:45 p.m. for Detroit, stopping at Sunnyside and at stations where regular No. 15 stops.

First section of train No. 45 will leave Toronto 4:30 p.m. for Allandale, or beyond if required, making same stops as regular No. 45.

First section of train No. 159 will leave Toronto 4:30 p.m. for Palmerston, making same stops as regular No. 159.

Train No. 16, leaving Windsor 4:10 p.m. for Toronto, will be run in two sections, first section being operated via Junction Cut, not going into Hamilton.

Train No. 83, leaving Hamilton 2:57 p.m. for London, will be run in two sections.

Train No. 220, leaving Stratford 4:30 p.m. for Black Rock, will be run in two sections.

Train No. 219, leaving Black Rock 4:25 p.m. for Brantford, will be run in two sections.

Train No. 95, leaving Suspension Bridge 12:40 p.m., will run thru to Toronto.

Train No. 97, leaving Suspension Bridge 4:30 p.m., will run thru to Toronto.

Train No. 22, leaving Toronto 1:30 p.m. for Belleville and intermediate stations, will be run in two sections. First section of train No. 94 will leave Toronto 4:25 p.m. for Lindsay, making same stops as regular No. 94.

In order to relieve congestion at Union Station, passengers are asked that where possible to make enquiries to reservations, etc., and secure tickets at City Ticket Office, northwest corner King and Yonge streets.

CONIAGAS ANNUAL MEETING.

St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 23.—(Canadian Press).—H. H. Collier of this city was chosen to succeed the late D. Woodruff, president of the directors of Coniagas Mines at the annual meeting. During the year the company paid out \$500,000 in stock dividends and bonuses, and the directors of the company reported a successful year notwithstanding labor difficulties.

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TWO DEPUTATIONS TO SEE DRAYTON

Automobile and Confectionery Men to Confer Regarding Luxury Tax.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—(By Canadian Press).—Requests of the automobile and confectionery trades representatives in regard to the luxury tax will be heard by Sir Henry Drayton on Wednesday next, December 29. Telegrams have been received by the minister of finance from the Toronto Automobile Trade Association asking that an interview be arranged for that date, and it is expected that the dealers of Montreal and Ottawa will get together with the Toronto men and present a case in common.

A request has also reached the minister from the confectionery, biscuit and chocolate industries of Canada, asking that they be allowed to present to Sir Henry their reasons for asking exemption from the luxury tax. A deputation from these industries is expected to meet the minister on Wednesday also.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY TRAVEL.

The new fast service of the Canadian National-Grand Trunk Railways between Toronto, Ottawa and Quebec offers a convenient and comfortable manner of travel for those planning Christmas and New Year holidays. "The Capital City" leaves Toronto at 12:00 noon daily, except Sunday, and reaches Ottawa at 7:15 p.m. At Ottawa connection is made with through sleeping car which arrives at Quebec (Palais Station) at 6:15 on the following morning. The finest of modern equipment is in use on these trains. For full particulars apply to agents of the Canadian National-Grand Trunk Railways.

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TWO DISTRICTS VOTE TO LIMIT LIQUOR SALES

London, Dec. 23.—Peterhead and Aberdeen, the leading centres of the Scottish fishing industry, have voted for a limitation of liquor licenses, which means a cancellation of 25 per cent of the existing licenses. These are the last districts to vote in Scotland.

The complete poll shows that Scotland is against drastic changes, but the prohibitions have caused 41 licenses, and 35 parishes have voted for limitation of the number of licenses.

CATTLE PASSES MUST BE SIX FEET IN HEIGHT

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—(By Canadian Press).—An order of the board of railway commissioners issued today provides that all cattle passes constructed under railway tracks in the future must be at least five feet wide and six feet high. These dimensions are established as a standard for cattle-pass construction, unless otherwise ordered by the board when special conditions call for a departure from the standard. The size of cattle passes has long been a bone of contention between the railways and the farmers, hence the necessity for the fixing of the standard dimensions.

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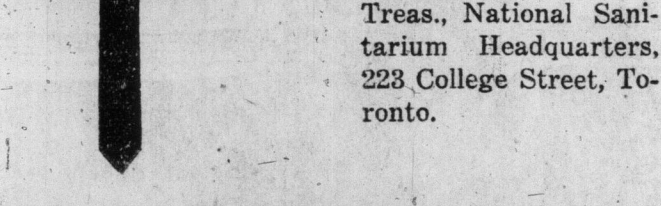
Money is Urgently Needed for the Muskoka Free Hospital For Consumptives

All the patients were saved from the fire, when this hospital was burned four weeks ago, but supplies and valuable equipment were lost.

There is great immediate need to replace these in order to care for the patients temporarily housed in other National Sanitarium Institutions until the Muskoka Hospital can be rebuilt.

Your Help is Needed

Contributions may be sent to SIR WILLIAM GAGE, 84 Spadina Avenue, or to GEORGE A. REID, Sec. Treas., National Sanitarium Headquarters, 223 College Street, Toronto.



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