

EMPIRE STEEL CO. ANNOUNCES TIIEUP

British Corporation's Plant At Sydney To Close On August 9.

BUSINESS SLACK

Canadian Press Despatch. Sydney, N.S., July 24.—A ninety-day tieup of the British Empire Steel Corporation plant at Sydney was announced by President R. M. Wolvin in an official statement given out today. The shutdown of operations will be effective from August 9.

"A severe depression arising from lack of buying orders is now general in the steel industry," the statement says. "Both in America and Europe the steel works have been forced to close or to drastically cut down production. Every effort has failed to provide further business and the financial resources of the corporation have been strained in efforts to provide employment."

The statement adds: "The increased cost of coal in Cape Breton makes the cost of producing iron and steel at Sydney higher than the price at which Canadian consumers can buy steel products from the United States. France delivered with customs duty paid. Action by the government in properly adjusting the customs tariff on import steel so as to give the industry and Canadian labor the same percentage of protection it found before the war, would result in keeping the steel plant in full operation, particularly the rod mill which would have been making the rods that have been imported in large quantities this year."

The steel plant will resume operations as soon as orders insure a reasonable period of work, Mr. Wolvin said.

ARREST FOLLOWS AUTO STEALING

Thieving On Large Scale Is Brought To Light In Toronto.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, July 24.—Automobile stealing on a large scale was brought to light tonight by the arrest of a Benson, Milverton boulevard, on a charge of theft.

Several weeks' work on the part of detectives led to the discovery that comparatively new motor cars of large size had been coming into the city from Montreal and other points on the United States border. These cars, it was eventually learned, were being sold to local people at less than half price.

Examination of the vehicles revealed the fact that in every instance serial numbers had been obliterated from the engines, the numbers on the front of the cars being chipped off, and numbers at the rear of the engines sunk into the metal being filled in, and new numbers stamped in their place. To date the police have in their possession five of these alleged stolen cars.

The authorities are continuing their investigations and the Montreal officials have also been requested to look through their car lists to see if any of the recovered cars were stolen from that city. The makers of the automobiles have also been asked to try and identify the vehicles.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.
Southampton, July 24.—Pittsburgh, New York.
Gibraltar, July 22.—Martha Washington, New York.
Naples, July 22.—Tuscania, New York.
Hamburg, July 24.—Mongolia, New York.

PROVINCE MAY LEVY TAX ON GASOLINE, SAYS HENRY

Minister of Highways Intimates Increased License Fees.

ON HEAVIER TRUCKS

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, July 24.—Surety of increased license fees for heavy trucks, moving and cartage vans, with no decrease for light passenger cars, and the possibility of the imposition, some time later, of a tax on gasoline, were forecast by Minister of Works and Highways Hon. G. S. Henry today.

Discussing the prospect of higher fees for the license plates of trucks and vans, the minister said that they are in direct competition with the radial lines of the province and with the railways, and that as experts have estimated that at least 20 per cent of the revenue of radials goes back into roadbed maintenance, the trucks escaping this levy have that 20 per cent of their earnings as a first profit.

He was also pointed out that these heavy vehicles do most damage to the surface and structure generally of highways.

Mr. Henry said that the Motor League had not opposed the scheme, but had tacitly endorsed it. The minister mentioned particularly the possibility of putting a heavier tax on moving vans and general long-distance haulage trucks.

"The tax on gasoline is a different matter and requires legislation. It has not been discussed recently, but will come later, as nothing can be done without the assent of parliament."

UNIQUE PATENTED GIRDLE TO BE MANUFACTURED IN CANADA

The Dominion Corset Company has lately acquired from the Madame X Company, Inc., the right to manufacture, sell and distribute in Canada, the Madame X Reducing Girdle.

Placed on sale in the United States in early March this patented girdle secured registration of its trademark on the 13th of May, 1924, and in this short time has achieved the most extraordinary success throughout the United States, where its sale has, it is said, reached the phenomenal figure of 12,000 per day.

The Dominion Corset Company, whose factory in Quebec is claimed to be the largest corset industry in the British empire, is preparing for a similar demand in Canada, and is now making first deliveries to the trade throughout Canada.

The very extensive facilities of the Dominion Corset Company will enable it to promptly fill the orders of the trade for the Madame X Reducing Girdle and Brassiere, a full stock of which will be maintained in the Dominion Corset Company's showrooms in Montreal and Toronto.

Patent has been applied for in Canada.—Advt.

CHINESE AUTHORITIES TURN OVER CONSULATE

Shanghai, July 24.—The former czarist Russian consulate building here was turned over to a representative of the Soviet government, of Russia, J. R. Ellender, today by Chinese authorities.

CALLS FOR TENDERS.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, July 24.—The board of control decided today to call for tenders and plans for a cenotaph in front of the city hall, and at the east wing, not to exceed \$25,000 in cost. Prices of \$200 for second prize, and \$100 for third, and the award of the contract for first, will be awarded.



BURTON K. WHEELER, Vice-presidential candidate on the LaFollette ticket, whose trial on a charge of using his office of Senator to further personal interests, is scheduled to begin in the midst of the election campaign.

LIQUOR IS SEIZED AT C. P. R. YARDS

Provincial Officers Get \$5,000 Consignment in Freight Car Raid.

License Inspector Walter Bolton, accompanied by Provincial Constable T. Y. Stratton, swooped down on a freight car in the C. P. R. yards yesterday afternoon at 4:45, and seized four large packing-cases containing about 500 bottles of liquor valued at between \$4,000 and \$5,000. License Inspector Bolton stated last night that the packing-cases were consigned to a London man, but refused to divulge the name.

This is the third seizure made in the last few months, the whiskey and wine seized being valued at approximately \$15,000.

The four cases were removed to the police station in a motor truck.

HYDRO WIRES BLOWN DOWN DURING STORM

Fire Department Answers An Alarm On Richmond Street North.

The fire department answered a call at Richmond and Victoria streets last night when the storm was at its height. On arriving they found some hydro wires that had been blown down on the north side of the Richmond street bridge. The man who turned in the alarm had seen the damage while driving into the city, and, thinking there might be a fire, called the department. The hydro department, who were notified by assistant chief Scott, and they dispatched a crew immediately to repair the damage.

IMMENSE DRY DOCK PLANNED AT KINGSTON

New \$4,000,000 Unit To Have Four Times Capacity of Present One.

Canadian Press Despatch. Kingston, July 24.—The Standard announced today that plans are under way for the building here of a new and immense drydock, with four times the capacity of the present drydock, and to cost approximately \$4,000,000, the dock to be completed and ready for operation at last by the time the enlarged Welland Canal is opened, if not sooner. Construction of the new drydock will take at least three years.

The new dock will be 300 feet wide and 200 feet long, and will be able to accommodate two of the largest lake vessels at one time.

AUSTRALIA'S PROPOSAL HAD BEEN MADE BEFORE

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, July 24.—Increase of the proportion of home labor as a necessity to securing the British preferential rate on imported goods, as proposed by Australia, according to a Sydney cable, has been mooted before.

At the imperial economic conference, representations were made that certain goods from Canada entering Great Britain under the preferential rate of the McKenna duties, were largely of foreign manufacture. Canadian automobiles were cited as cases in point. It was claimed that in some cases these were of American manufacture, assembled in Canada. This was contested by Canadian representatives, who pointed out that the 25 per cent proportion was mutual, that Canada applied the same rule to British goods entering the Dominion under the preferential rate.

ADMIRALTY SUPPLY SHIP ARRIVES IN QUEBEC HARBOR

Canadian Press Despatch. Quebec, July 24.—H. M. S. Sorbol, official admiralty supply ship for H. M. S. Hood and Repulse, which arrived here on August 18, arrived here today from St. George's Bay, Newfoundland. Her cargo consists of fuel oil and all kinds of provisions. She will remain in port until H. M. S. Hood and Repulse leave on Sept. 2.

PARLEY DEADLOCK STILL CONTINUES

Premier Herriot and Financiers Fail To Reach Agreement On Guarantees.

PREDICT SUCCESS

Associated Press Despatch. London, July 24.—Although Premier Theunis of Belgium and the British and United States representatives at the inter-allied conference are continuing to exercise to the utmost their powers of conciliation, the deadlock remains unbroken between Premier Herriot of France and the British and United States financiers over the formula by which to safeguard the proposed loan to Germany.

Before and after the king's garden party at Buckingham Palace today, conferences and informal conversations were carried on in an endeavor to discover a formula which a member of the French delegation said tonight certainly would be found.

Another long conference between M. Theunis and Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Company was typical of the efforts which are being made and the resources which are being exercised in an effort to restore the monetary and financial equilibrium of the world.

"With so much goodwill," said the French delegate, "we shall find a way of solving the difficult problem of giving the bankers their proper guarantees and at the same time maintain the sovereign rights of France, according to the treaty of Versailles." A commentator who sought to view the situation with detachment said that although there was a certain deadlock there was no reason for pessimism. He emphasized that the Daves report now was Europe's hope, no less than it was a week ago, and predicted that the forces of economic and political disorder which would be released from control if the Daves plan were rejected would yet reconcile the opposing interests and reunite the conference in launching the experts' scheme.

The bankers maintain that they are not bringing pressure to bear in any way on M. Herriot. They have submitted no formula and they do not intend to submit any, they have told the financial experts of the conference what they consider proper security for the German loan, and they expect a formula embodying the routine to be produced before they approve the loan.

AMERICANS BLAMED.

By HAL O'FLAHERTY.

Special Cable to The London Advertiser and Chicago Daily News, Copyright. London, July 24.—Criticism of American financial experts—some of it almost brutally frank—appears today in connection with the allied reparations conference. They are charged with abandoning the idealistic impulse, which brought American representatives to London, for strictly business principles.

By insisting upon guarantees against separate action by France, it is claimed the American bankers are actually blocking progress toward application of the Daves plan. Much of this recrimination is unnecessary, because the bankers' plan remains agreed upon the main issues.

It is possible that American bankers may turn the tables by deciding that Germany's vast assets constitute a sufficient guarantee for a \$200,000,000 loan without any safeguards against political interference by one ally or another.

It is entirely wrong to say that the conference faces failure simply because M. Herriot could not at once accept the bankers' plan for determining when Germany is in default. Although it may mean giving up one of the four French strongholds under the treaty of Versailles, France is willing to do so if it would insure application of the Daves scheme. He says this would mean his defeat with Poincaré again premier, but he is willing to face that risk rather than wreck the London conference.

The British delegates sympathize fully with Herriot and understand his delicate political situation at home. Perhaps they would abandon their desire for financial guarantees if American financiers would show equal liberality.

In conference circles much importance is attached to the activity of Secretary Hughes. Although his position is unofficial, it is repeatedly commented that the American attitude has assumed a decidedly more rigid attitude since Mr. Hughes arrived, some new hitch occurring after each of his conversations, and then Wednesday with M. Herriot.

MAN SERIOUSLY HURT IN FALL TO GROUND

Edward Dexog of Metcalf in Hospital With Broken Neck.

Edward Dexog, aged 54, of Metcalf Township, is in Victoria Hospital with his body paralyzed as the result of a fall from a loaded hay. On Friday last he was assisting in hauling in hay. The trip rope on the hay fork broke and he was thrown to the ground, lighting on his head.

Dr. McCabe of Stratford attended the injured man, who was immediately removed to Stratford Hospital, where he was treated until yesterday afternoon, when he was brought to Victoria Hospital for X-ray examination. This showed a fracture of the vertebrae in the neck. His condition last night was reported as serious.

This is the first case of this kind cared for at Victoria this year as a result of an accident during the haying season. Last year the hospital cared for six cases of a similar nature from the London district during the haying season.

L. AND D. INJURED PLAYERS' CUP DRAW ANNOUNCED

August 9 has been set as the last date for the conclusion of the round of the London and District Injured Players' Trophy series. Maple Leaf will play Avonlea, while N. R. will play at United Vets. In this round Carey has a bye. In the semi-finals Maple Leaf or Avonlea will play at St. Andrews, and the other either United Vets or C. R. The two surviving teams will meet in the final.

Girl Abducted By Armed Men

Father Forced From Auto As Daughter Is Spirited Away.

Canadian Press Despatch. Montreal, July 25.—Early this morning police and detectives are scouring the city and district in connection with one of the most audacious abductions that has ever occurred here. Rene Bruneau and his daughter were held up in his car early this morning in the north end of the city by three armed men, who forced Bruneau to descend from the car at the point of pistols. They then climbed in and sped away with the young woman.

TORONTO SUFFERS BY SEVERE STORM

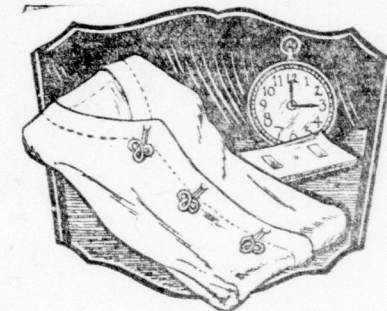
Houses Demolished by Wind—Ferryboat Struck by Lightning.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, July 24.—The rainstorm, attended by a high wind and lightning, which struck Toronto at 2:30 this afternoon, caused considerable damage, particularly to buildings. Several residences were partly demolished, awnings were blown down, shade trees were broken and gardens suffered. At Toronto Island a huge tree was split and part fell across a picnicers' table. The big coaster at the island resort was struck by lightning and George Alward, the operator, was stunned. He revived after receiving treatment from a doctor.

The ferryboat Bluebell was also struck as she was nearing the dock, having part of her bow and some ten feet of her stern splintered. Fortunately there was not a very large number of passengers on board, but all were frightened as the boat shivered from stem to stern.

The city was again visited tonight by a very heavy rainstorm.

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\$4.50 Men's Odd Trousers, to clear at... \$2.97
Men's Sport Sweaters, all colors; Reg. \$4.00. To clear at... \$2.89
\$1.50 Silk and Wool Socks, special... 59c
Arrow Soft Collars, assorted styles. Saturday... 29c
\$2.00 C. C. a la Grace Corsets, to clear Saturday morning at... 98c
50c Children's Socks, Saturday... 25c
75c Voiles; light and dark. Special... 35c
\$1 All Wool Heather Stockings, to clear at... 25c
50c Marquisette Curtain material. To clear at... 29c
\$1.00 Step-ins in Fine Nainsook; for... 48c
\$1.50 House Dresses; To clear... 83c
Unbleached Sheeting, yard wide; extra heavy. Special... 24c
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