

THORNTON DENIES MEN TO GET EXECUTIVE POWER

C. N. R. PRESIDENT STATES REPORT IS INACCURATE

Sir Henry Thornton Declares Scheme Relates Merely to Shop Practice.

OUTLINES OBJECTS

Canadian Press Despatch. Winnipeg, Feb. 22.—Denial of a story which appeared in a local newspaper yesterday to the effect that the Canadian National Railway System proposed to embark upon an arrangement which would place in the hands of those employed in the railway shops the privilege of voting upon or expressing approval of the purchase of locomotives and cars and generally give them a voice in such matters as are ordinarily regarded as executive in character, was expressed here today by Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railway, in a statement to the Canadian Press.

"I wish to say that this statement is entirely inaccurate," Sir Henry said. "It is true that there is under consideration and discussion a scheme for co-operative shop working, but this scheme relates to shop practice and working conditions, and has for its object the mutual welfare of both the men and the company. There is no intention on the part of the administration of the Canadian National Railway System to part with any of the executive functions which are regarded as essential to the well-being of the property."

MAN OUT OF WORK GETS THREE MONTHS' LABOR

Detroit Wearing American Officer's Uniform Is Sent to Reformatory.

Ever since William Smith of Detroit was fired out of a show that played here last fall he has been in trouble. At Stratford he was sentenced to 30 days for trespassing. Last night local constables nabbed Smith on a charge of vagrancy and Magistrate Graydon imposed three months in jail this morning.

Letters of an obscene nature were found on his person. He was dirty and ill-kempt in police court today, wearing the tunic of an American army officer.

Smith disclaimed knowledge of how the obscene letter came into his possession. He just got out of jail yesterday and said the letters were put into his civilian clothes before he was released at Stratford.

"I think the reformatory is the best place for you," said the court. "You say you want work, and I'm going to give it to you for three months."

Smith smiled ironically when sentence was passed.

MACHINE GUN BRIGADE HONOR COL. W. G. COLES

Retiring Commander of London Unit Presented With Silver Tray.

At the annual meeting of the Second Canadian Machine Gun Brigade, held at the Armoury last night, Lieut.-Col. W. G. Coles, retiring C. O. of the unit, was presented with a solid silver tray by the officers, warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of the brigade.

Lieut.-Col. G. N. Chesham, the new officer commanding, made the presentation on behalf of the unit, following the close of the annual meeting. He paid a sincere tribute to the good work Col. Coles had done in organizing the unit four years ago, and expressed the hope that the retiring C. O. would become the honorary colonel of the brigade, and still keep up an active interest in the affairs of the unit.

Major Lucas and Capt. Miles of Sarnia and Capt. Douglass of Chatham were out-of-town officers present.

MABELLE GILMAN CAREY TO WED SPANISH PRINCE

Divorced Wife of Former U. S. Steel Official Announces Engagement.

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Feb. 22.—Mabelle Gilman Carey, divorced wife of William E. Carey, former head of the United States Steel Corporation, is engaged to Prince Luis Ferdinand, son of the Duke of Galliera, who is a first cousin of King Alfonso of Spain, says the Herald.

The newspaper gives Mrs. Carey as authority for the statement. It adds that Prince Luis Ferdinand refused to confirm the report of the engagement.

Prince Luis Ferdinand is the second son of the Duke of Galliera, who was married in 1886 to the Infanta Eulalie of Spain. The prince was born in 1888.

The Infanta Eulalie is well known in the United States, having visited this country a number of years ago. While here she was the recipient of numerous splendid entertainments.

Mrs. Carey was awarded a divorce from Mr. Carey in Paris in November last. She sued on the grounds of desertion.

REDUCTION CUT IN PENSIONS IS KEENLY OPPOSED

Member For East Middlesex Is Urged To Uphold Cause of Pensioners.

PARKS IN PROTEST

Vigorous protest against the government's platform, which seeks to reduce pensions of returned soldiers, has been made by the Highland and Manor Parks Ratepayers' Association. In a letter to A. L. Hodgins, M. L. A. for East Middlesex, the ratepayers outlined their views on the matter. The letter follows:

London, Ont., Feb. 15, 1924.

Mr. A. L. Hodgins, East Middlesex M. P., Riderton, Ont.:

Dear Sir,—As secretary of the Progressive Ratepayers' Association of Highland and Manor Parks, I have been instructed to write you concerning the contemplated cut in the pensions of disabled returned soldiers, and requesting that you bring this matter to the attention of the proper authorities.

Sixty per cent of the male population of Highland and Manor Parks are returned soldiers. A great many of these men are pensioners, suffering from wounds incurred on active service in the front-line trenches of Flanders and Belgium. The proposed reduction in pensions will work untold hardship on these men, particularly the men in receipt of 100 per cent pensions, and will utterly ruin their future security.

The government apparently intends to adopt a policy of economy and retrenchment, and the selected victim is to be the disabled pensioner. The returned soldiers of Canada, during the days of the Empire's crisis, quitted not at all when the call went forth for volunteers to defend the nation's honor, and the nation's flag. They gave their all willingly and without a thought of reward, and in the event of their return as physical wrecks or otherwise unable to carry on the pre-war occupations, have their future secured.

The bonus was added to the pension paid to disabled men to combat the high cost of living, chiefly due to the unsettled conditions and business depression, which was the inevitable aftermath of the great conflict. The government's policy of economy now is to cut this bonus off on the grounds that the cost of living has decreased to a sufficient degree to warrant the removal of this emergency measure. But such is not the case, and with the exception of one or two commodities, prices "have" not decreased to the same as that of four or five years ago.

We wish to go on record as strongly condemning this proposed action of the government, and that it is very poor policy for the government to practice "economy" at the expense of the returned soldier. There are certainly many other places where "economy" can be practiced without doing harm, and if the powers that be live up to their promises made to Canada who so bravely went forth determined to do or die, the pensions as at present constituted will be made a permanent rate.

Public sentiment is all in favor of justice to the men for whom nothing was too good when our mighty empire was in the breach, and it is very titanic struggle the world has ever known, and it is our firm belief that sentiment is very strongly prejudiced against any move that tends to decrease the pension of a man who has given his life for his country.

The man who went overseas and suffered and died in order that the women and children, the aged and infirm, the stay at home, and the "home producers" might continue to live in peace and security, are worthy of Canada's absolute guarantee that their future welfare is assured, and that there is no cause for anxiety on the part of the government. But this cannot be if the pensions are reduced, and we trust that when the pensions question comes up in the House the matter will be given favorable consideration, and no vote rendered in favor of the returned men.

Therefore, we trust you will do your utmost for the returned soldiers. These men were proud to strike blow for dear old Canada when the need arose, and to make any sacrifice. It is up to the government to show its appreciation. We pray they will not be forgotten. We, the ratepayers, sincerely yours, W. L. WRIGHT, Secretary Progressive Ratepayers' Association, Highland and Manor Parks.

Patent Leathers

DAUGHERTY WILL FIGHT TO LIMIT

Will Not Permit Himself To Be Ousted Without Real Good Reasons.

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, Feb. 22.—With Attorney-General Daugherty on record as being ready to carry to the country his fight against efforts to force him out of the cabinet, negotiations proceeded in the Senate today looking to early action on the resolution to withdraw the nomination of Mr. Daugherty. The resolution, introduced by Senator Wheeler, Democrat of Montana, providing for an investigation of his administration.

Progress toward a compromise on the resolution is understood to have been made yesterday at conferences between Mr. Wheeler and Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the Republican leader, who objected to the measure as introduced because it undertook to name the investigating committee instead of leaving that matter to President Cummings of the Senate.

Mr. Daugherty's statement of his position was made last night in a letter to Senator Pepper of Pennsylvania, in which he stated that he advised President Coolidge Wednesday to ask for the attorney-general's resignation. Earlier in the day, it had been disclosed that a report received by Senator Wheeler from a special investigator stating that Mr. Daugherty had dealt in Sinclair oil stock was being investigated by the oil committee and had been placed before the president.

The attorney-general made no reference to the Sinclair stock report in his letter. He denounced as "baseless, scandalous and defamatory" the charges of his political adversaries, in the Senate and declared "his elimination as attorney-general would be confession that they were true. 'I will never be party to such a program' he asserted, asking: 'Am I to be denied a right granted to every citizen? Am I to be tried by his peers?'

Highways to be ready for sleigh traffic

HIGHWAYS TO BE READY FOR SLEIGH TRAFFIC

But "Gas Buggies" Will Have To Stay Indoors For a While.

Orders have been received by road foremen of this district from the department of highways to endeavor to clear the most traversed highways running out of London of just enough snow to permit through sleigh traffic.

According to E. C. Bernard, secretary of the London Motor Club, this is done because another storm is feared, which would mean that the money spent in an attempt to clear the road for motorists would be wasted.

In many points along the Dundas and Lambeth highways, it is impossible to clear a space the narrow nature of the roads in certain localities hindering the piling of the snow.

INCOME TAX FORMS SENT TO FARMERS

Returns Must Be Made to the Federal Department Not Later Than April 30.

Federal income tax forms for farmers and ranchers have been received at the local department of income taxation and were sent out to farmers of this district this morning.

The forms will be available at every postoffice in the Western Ontario district. The forms are printed in blue and in French and English.

A return of the form must be made on or before April 30 the penalty for failure to do this being five per cent of the tax payable with a maximum penalty of \$500.

The special forms for farmers and ranchers differ from those for individuals in that the farmer must stipulate his gross income from his farm, the number of acres he has under cultivation and the machinery he has on hand.



News From City Churches

ST. JAMES' MEN'S CLUB. The Men's Club of St. James' Church, threw open the regular meeting last evening to the wives of the members. Progressive eunuchs formed the main feature of the evening's program. Prizes were won by Mrs. F. H. Spear and Mr. Arthur Payne. The evening was arranged under the direction of Mr. J. T. May.

ST. MARK'S GUILD. The home of Mrs. J. M. Morrison, Dundas street, was thrown open yesterday afternoon for a meeting of St. Mark's Church Guild. It was in the form of a quilting bee, and much work was accomplished by the large number present. A short business session was held also at which it was decided to take part in the last night of the St. George's Church, incidental to the quilting, there was a program which included readings by Miss Jean Walker, and solos by Mrs. Watt and Mrs. Ed. Wyatt. Mrs. Greenslade acted as accompanist. Tea was served later in the afternoon, and the members dispersed in little groups to enjoy a chat. Mrs. E. Wood and Mrs. Sherrill Fox were in charge of the program.

CHALMERS T. R. Frank Adams and the Gordon group of Trail Rangers of Dundas Centre Methodist Church conducted an impressive initiation service last evening for the recently organized group at Chalmers Presbyterian Church. Following this, the boys enjoyed group games together and refreshments were served.

CHALMERS Y. P. S. "Gratitude" was the theme of the devotional meeting held last night by the Young People's Society of Chalmers Presbyterian Church. Miss Muriel Findler presided. The theme was presented by means of a short reading by Miss Gladys Bechill, and was dealt with in an address by the pastor, Rev. J. Richardson, Wm. Dunning conducted the devotional exercises, and Miss Annie Foster gave the Bible lesson. The next meeting of the society will be held on Monday when they will engage in a debate on the subject of "The Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church."

EMPRESS AVENUE M. C. The Mission Circle of Empress Avenue Methodist Church held its regular meeting last evening, following high tea in the Sunday school rooms. Mrs. George Rossier, the superintendent, was in charge. Two interesting features combined the main portion of the evening's program. A letter was read by Mrs. Herbert Childs on the Azusa Street in Tokio, for which the W. M. S. have been asked for a 10 per cent increase in giving in order to permit the erection of a Craig Memorial Auditorium. Following this, Mrs.

U. S. TODAY COMMEMORATES WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Feb. 22.—Today was observed throughout the United States as a national holiday, commemorating the birth of George Washington, first president. All schools and markets were closed, and in many cities public bodies held patriotic exercises. Washington was born in 1732.

FRENCH TO COMMANDEER UNIVERSITY AT BONN

Associated Press Despatch. Berlin, Feb. 22.—The French authorities are reported to have threatened to commandeer Bonn University as an artillery barracks if the town authorities refuse to build the required barracks. The Bonn officials profess inability to undertake such construction owing to lack of money.

WORST RURAL TIE-UP FOR OVER 20 YEARS

Not Since 1903 Have the Rural Route Lines Been So Obstructed.

Not for twenty years have rural route lines and Western Ontario mails been tied up to such an extent as within the past week, according to W. J. May, inspector of railways, mail service for the province. In 1903, the Durham lines were tied up by a terrific storm, said Mr. May. "For three weeks no mails arrived from the part of the country. That was the worst storm I have experienced in this section, but the one of Monday night runs it a close second."

APPOINTED POSTMASTER. Norman W. Bennett has been appointed the new postmaster for Dundas in the place of the late George Smith, it was announced this morning by the postal inspector's department.

CLIMATE Milder HERE AGES AGO

Prof. A. D. Robertson Gives Outline of Early Geography in Extension Lecture.

Three million years ago, when only two continents existed in the world, with vast seas between them; when Asia, North America and Europe were connected by land, when the whole of the northern lands was a mass and the Antarctic regions were linked up with Australia, and probably due to heavy rains, but relatively suitable for their utilization as Alberta coal carriers to Ontario, and, whereas, there are at the present time, enormous quantities of coal being represented by deep beds, lying idle in the western provinces, and along the lines of the C. N. R., said cars being unsuitable for wheat traffic due to heavy rains, but relatively suitable for their utilization as Alberta coal carriers to Ontario, and, whereas, there are at the present time, enormous quantities of coal being represented by deep beds, lying idle in the western provinces, and along the lines of the C. N. 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