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Break in Prices In New York Indicated

Lower Broadway Clothing Men Make Cuts

Overalls and Profiteer Prosecutions Assigned Reasons—Big Department Store Reduces Prices—Montreal and Toronto Prices Lower.

New York, May 4—Following the announcement of a twenty per cent reduction in the price of practically its entire stock by one of the largest department stores in the city, New York is hoping for a general lowering of prices by local merchants. Although there have been no further announcements of such sweeping reductions as was made by the big department store, a general downward tendency was noticeable. This applies particularly to clothing. "Special sales" at greatly reduced prices are being advertised by many establishments and the price tickets in the windows of clothing stores indicate that a break in values has come. A few weeks ago the prevailing price for ready-made suits in the lower Broadway shops was from \$45 to \$60. Suits are displayed in the windows of many of these shops today at from \$35 to \$50. The overall campaign, although it never progressed further than the talking stage in New York, is believed to have been largely responsible for these reductions. The prosecution of several profiteers in Brooklyn by the United States government's "flying squad" of cost of living experts is also thought to have had the effect of making dealers in several other lines readjust their ideas of profit to a more reasonable level.

SLUMP, TOO, IN MONTREAL

Montreal, May 4—Due to the overall campaign, the price of clothes has taken a tumble here. The ready-to-wear clothing stores are using up their stocks of newspapers advertising substantial reductions in all lines of garments.

TORONTO, ALSO SHOWS DROP

Toronto, May 4—A decided lowering of the cost of clothing and staple goods is indicated in advertisements appearing in Toronto, while practically all lines of foodstuffs show no change.

IN WALL STREET

New York, May 4—Advances of one to three points were made by leading shares at the opening of today's market, although overnight advices bearing upon industrial conditions were not calculated to inspire bullish confidence. The same issues that featured yesterday's late rally were again conspicuous, notably Republic and Vanadium Steels, General Leather, Utah Copper, Industrial Alcohol, Reading and the sugar.

Foreign Exchange was Firm in the Preliminary Quotations.

There were numerous additions to opening gains, but trading was quiet with few signs of public interest. Independent steels, especially those recently mentioned in connection with the merger plans, continued to dominate the market.

Equipments, motors, shipments and gear also were materially higher. After brief setback, rails also strengthened, investment division gaining one to two points and minor issues one to two.

Oil's almost alone remained unresponsive to the better tone of the market. Call money opened at 8 per cent, against yesterday's 9 per cent rate.

BONDS SELLING WELL

By noon today \$106,000 worth of the John city debentures totalling \$318,000 had been disposed of by the city chamberlain. This is considered an excellent showing as the bonds were placed on sale only on Monday morning. Mayor chofield said this morning that the purchase of these bonds was an excellent feat for the citizens to demonstrate their faith in the city and at the same time make a profitable return on their money.

MILLIONS FOR AIR SUPPLIES

Handley Page, who organized the syndicate that bought the enormous surplus air supplies from the British government. They consist of 11,000 aeroplanes and 35,000 engines. The government is to receive \$5,000,000 and 5 per cent of the profits the syndicate make.

HOLD HOSPITAL CONFERENCE HERE

Matter of Increased Charges Under Workmen's Compensation Act—The Fredericton Institution.

(Special to The Times.)

Fredericton, N. B., May 4—A conference of representatives of the Fredericton City Council, Board of Trade, York Commercial Club and trustee board of Victoria Public Hospital, is to be held soon to consider the matter of endowment of that hospital, which is one of the most important institutions of this section of the province. This was decided upon at a meeting of the hospital board yesterday. It has been brought to the front by the fact that Donald and Archibald Fraser have decided to proceed this year with the erection of the Fraser memorial wing of the hospital, which was a bequest of the late Donald Fraser, their father. The George T. Fuller Company of Montreal has been awarded the contract and work will start at an early date. The estimated cost is between \$150,000 and \$200,000. The Victoria Hospital will be represented next week at a conference of representatives of hospitals throughout the province which will be held in St. John, for the purpose of considering the matter of increased hospital charges under the Workmen's Compensation act.

On account of the heavy increase in expenditure the fees for beds in the hospital has been increased, beginning yesterday.

AN AUTO CASE IN POLICE COURT

Car Reported Taken From Garage Some Months Ago.

A case against Herbert N. Dean, charged with stealing an automobile valued at \$650, from the storage garage of F. E. Williams, Sydney street, last fall, was taken up in the police court this morning. Percy Bliss Ferris, 98 Lansdowne avenue, said he stored his car in Mr. Williams' garage last November, but on Dec. 27 it was gone. He said he next saw the car on Jan. 11, 1920, at the corner of Main street and Paradise road, driven by the accused, and he stopped it. The accused, he said, told him that he purchased the car in Moncton and paid for it, but the witness said he endeavored to hold him until the police could be notified, when his back was turned the accused left the car and went away. He notified the police. There were several tools found in the car that did not belong to him, the witness said. The case was postponed until Thursday when other witnesses will be heard to give evidence for the prosecution. K. J. MacRae appeared for the defence.

George Denier was charged with assaulting his sister, Jennie. Charles Marjorie and Jennie Denier gave evidence that the accused caught hold of the complainant by the throat and put her on the floor. They said he was drunk. The case was postponed and the accused remanded.

Theodore Saunders, charged with having liquor in his possession other than his private dwelling, pleaded guilty and was remanded. He was told that he was liable to a fine of \$200 or six months in jail.

A case against Ernest Sergeant, charged with having liquor in his possession other than his private dwelling, was resumed. The proprietor of a cafe at 11 King square, a Chinese, said that the accused and another man were on Sunday afternoon under the influence of liquor, but he did not see any evidence of liquor in his possession. The case was postponed and the accused remanded. They were also warned that they were liable to a fine of \$200 or six months. S. B. Bustin appeared for the defence.

A case against Steve Prekovich, charged with supplying liquor to Albert Handrahan, was resumed. Handrahan told of buying liquor from the accused and said he paid \$3.50 for it. The case was postponed until tomorrow afternoon at 2.30. Handrahan was remanded as he is held on another charge. The accused was allowed out on a deposit for his appearance. E. S. Ritchie appeared for the defence.

A case against a lad charged with stealing a sum of money from the N. B. Telephone Company was resumed and Allan Lingard gave evidence.

Six men charged with drunkenness pleaded guilty and were remanded to jail.

BACK TO WORK

Rochester Street Railway Men Faced Loss of Charter.

Rochester, N. Y., May 4—Rochester street cars are running today after three days of idleness because of the strike of the employees. The men were persuaded to go back to work at midnight by International President Mahon, who informed them that the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America would take away their local charter unless they abided by their contract with the company for arbitration of their wage demands.

WOOD WINS IN THE MARYLAND MAJORS

Baltimore, May 4—Major-General Leonard Wood defeated Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California in an unusually light vote yesterday in the primaries for Maryland's preference to the Republican nomination for president by a majority of 7,841, according to practically complete returns today.

Grand Trunk Earnings

Montreal, May 4—Grand Trunk Railway earnings from April 15 to 30 were: 1920, \$1,622,219; 1919, \$1,571,191; increase, \$51,028.



Harding in Brooklyn Eagle.

Cost More To Travel To States?

Ottawa, May 4—Increased passenger fares from Canada to the United States to take care of the cost of exchange will be considered before the board of railway commissioners today. The case will be argued by counsel for the railways, and the board will make its decision in the matter of the suspended tariffs which the railways sought to make effective on March 23, last, but which were not approved by the board pending this hearing in the interest of the travelling public.

ENCAENIA OF KING'S COLLEGE

Memory of Famous Graduate and Writer Honored at Annual Meeting of Haliburton Club.

(Special to The Times.)

Windsor, N. S., May 4—The encaenia proceedings of the University of King's College commenced here yesterday. In the afternoon the various student societies met and elected their officers for the coming year. In the evening the annual Haliburton Club dinner was held in the temporary dining room in Convocation Hall. In other years the meetings had been held in the room in which the famous Judge Haliburton resided when at the college, but the loss of this room through its fire necessitated the change.

In spite of this, the meeting was very enjoyable. The president of the club, J. W. Blanchard of Windsor, occupied the chair, and several guests were present. After a substantial repast the following toast list was proceeded with: The King; Our Guests, responded to by A. B. Rider; The Learned Professors, Mr. Justice Longley; Sister Unit, Rev. A. E. Andrew; The Students, C. J. Markham; The Old Graduates, Rev. H. A. Harley; Town of Windsor, Dr. Q. B. Keddy; The Haliburton Society; T. B. Wintle.

The meeting was enlivened by college yells and songs and closed with a banquet at the Hotel Windsor.

ENGLISH TEAM TO SAIL FOR HOME SATURDAY

New York, May 4—The team of Oxford-Cambridge athletes which smashed the two-mile world relay record at the games of the University of Pennsylvania last Saturday, will sail for home next Saturday on the steamer Lapland.

Two of the party of seven who came to this country to remain behind the team, Leonard-Colonel A. N. S. Jackson will go on a sight-seeing tour of a month before he goes back to England, while it is reported that Alfred Shrubbs, the trainer, may remain here and accept a position with one of the American colleges and may be asked to coach the United States Olympic team.

ODD FELLOWS VISIT WOODSTOCK

Carleton Lodge Visited—Some 300 Members of Fraternity in Procession.

(Special to The Times.)

Woodstock, N. B., May 4—One hundred and five members of Watt Lodge, No. 95, I. O. O. F., McAdam, came in by special train last night to visit Carleton Lodge, No. 41. The train was gaily decorated with flags and bunting, and stopped at Queen street where a procession was formed led by the McAdam Cornet Band and a venerable goat in charge of Mr. Lawson, as a special feature. There were 300 members of the order in line—from St. Stephen, Fredericton and Woodstock. The visiting members were received by Charles Comben, of Carleton Lodge, who extended a cordial welcome.

Speeches were made by J. S. Lord, St. Stephen; W. Thurlow, N. G. McAdam; Ed. Merrill, V. G. McAdam; E. T. Langille, Fredericton, and others. The initiatory degree was worked on several candidates by a Watt Lodge team, and the work made a most favorable impression. A banquet at Les's restaurant was one of the pleasing features.

E. Bowie, master mechanic, who had charge of the train arrangements, carried out his arduous duties in a most thorough manner. It was three o'clock when the visiting brethren left on the return trip.

BAKERS' STRIKE

All But One Firm in Halifax Have Refused Demand.

Halifax, N. S., May 4—Ninety bread bakers joined the ranks of the local strikers last night. The bakers ask a general wage increase of 25 per cent, and their demands have been refused by all but one firm. Yesterday union pickets were on duty in the vicinity of Moir's, Ltd., but the police are reported to have ordered them away. After the strike had been called, ten employees of one bakery were ordered by the union to bake a certain quantity of flour which would otherwise have been spoiled. At the bakeries this morning it was reported that bread was being made in about the usual quantity despite the strike.

The striking teamsters and chauffeurs are still out, with the exception of the employees of three firms which have granted the new wage scale demanded.

TURKS SEEK DELAY

Constantinople, May 4—Entente powers have been asked by Danda Perid, grand vizier, to postpone occupation of Thrace until after the Turkish delegation can be heard by the peace conference in Paris. Four Greek divisions are at Saloniki awaiting orders to advance into Thrace.

MOVING DAY SEVERE ON ANIMALS IN MONTREAL

Montreal, May 4—The May first moving period very materially increased the work of the local branch of the S. P. C. A. Heavy mortality among dogs and cats was reported. In one hour on Saturday night the association ambulances had five calls to attend to dogs run over and a dozen injured were also looked after. There were many cases of horses also reported.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "we have a new city council—at least there are two new men and they are all off to a good start. 'I see you hev,' said Hiram. 'An' how long'll it be afore you begin to get letters from people that don't sign their names tellin' what a poor bunch you got a Hall?'"

"Well," said the reporter, "this is Tuesday. You may have noticed a batch would be due about Saturday. Three days' grace you know."

"Thornton didn't get even that—did he?" said Hiram. "Well—I aint gonto make no kick, unless Alan Schofield starts in to raise potatoes on Queen square or import goats to Fort Howe to bring down the price of milk. But I bet that new council won't get much started till the bricks begins to fly."

"Of course," said the reporter, "any of us could do better than they—in our minds. And it is our blood-bought privilege as inheritors of the freedom bequeathed to us by our fathers to speak our minds. You may have noticed a fact, 'An' if half the tongues that wag could hev a slice cut off of 'em you'd see a lot more work done. Not that I don't do a lot of jawin' myself, but when I do a feller's don't, his best I aint a-gonto yank no saw-log across the road—no, sir."

"But did you notice," said the reporter, "that the new mayor said the people would have to pay more taxes if they wanted more improvements?"

"I shall protest against it," said the reporter. "They must find some way of getting work done without paying it. It's an outrage to suggest that I can't make somebody else pay my taxes."

"I guess a lot of folks thinks that," said Hiram. "An' as long as they think it this town won't be in it with Moncton—or any other live town—By Hen! An' you kin tell 'em I said so, too."

NEW COKE OVENS AT SYDNEY PLANT

Battery It Is Said Will Cost Three Million Dollars.

Sydney, N. S., May 4—That an additional sixty oven coking plant is to be constructed for the Dominion Steel Corporation is the semi-official statement made today. The new battery of coke ovens will cost \$3,000,000 and will supplement the 120 oven battery completed last year at a cost of \$5,000,000. This news is in line with the declared intention of the British Empire Steel Corporation to make Sydney a steel production second to none.

MONTREAL MARKET.

Montreal, May 4—The local market displayed considerable lethargy during the first hour of trading this morning. The volume of trading was concerned. The tone, however, was strong and some early advances were recorded. Promptness was again a favorite, with Breweries, Dominion Steel and Laurentide. The popularity of the banks was again evident in the lead. Bromption opened at 92 1/2, which was a half point above last night's close, and after one sale advanced to 93 1/2. Steamshiping in Saskatchewan was firm at 71. Laurentide was steady at 93. Other issues were quiet.

Phelix and Ferdinand WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorology.

Synopsis—The area of high pressure now centered in Lake Superior dominates the weather over nearly the whole dominion. Showers occurred locally yesterday in the St. Lawrence Valley, and quite generally in Saskatchewan, elsewhere the weather has been fine with a general tendency towards higher temperature.

Fair and Cool.

Maritime—Moderate northerly winds, a few scattered showers, but mostly fair and cool today and Wednesday.

Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence—Moderate winds, fair and cool today and on Wednesday.

New England—Partly cloudy and continued cool tonight and Wednesday; frost tonight; moderate winds; moderate winds, mostly northwest.

Temperatures:—

Table with columns: Stations, 8 a.m., Highest, Lowest, Yesterday night.

A Canadian Navy, The Gift of Great Britain?

REVOLUTIONISTS OF SONORA HAVE SCORED A GAIN

Now Claim Control of State of Chihuahua

Now on to Torreon and Then a Campaign Against Mexico City—Washington Relieved Over News of Bloodless Juarez Victory.

General Urbalejo, commanding the large body of Carranza troops in the state, joined the revolt and plans were made for an immediate advance through Chihuahua upon the interior stronghold of the Carranza government still held.

Comparatively small bodies of troops remained loyal to Carranza at other border towns east of here. The Ojinaga garrison opposite Presidio, Texas, was expected by Mexican officials here to join the revolutionists.

At Chihuahua City, state capital, order is being preserved, political prisoners have been freed and protection has been assured Americans and other foreigners.

Despatches last night said they were continuing at work as usual. Similar guarantees were made by authorities here in a formal statement to American representatives.

Tentative plans of the revolutionists according to Arturo M. Elias, brother of General P. Elias, call for the entrance into Chihuahua via Putipio Pass of 6,000 Sonoran troops, who will try to proceed to Torreon and then to Mexico City, where they would co-operate with forces sent through Simaco.

Washington, May 4—Relief was shown both in government circles and by revolutionary agents here today when it became known that Juarez, Mexico, where revolutionary fighting always had been a potential international danger, had been taken by the rebels without a fight.

Until now the rebels have succeeded in taking from Carranza almost half his territory without a battle, but military men here who have watched the developments of the revolution assume that a few stubborn contests are inevitable unless advanced by further defections in the federal forces. Mexican agents here persist in their assertions that further acts of government troops declining battle will hasten the end of their struggle.

That Is Story Halifax Has Heard

Statement Attributed to Minister of Marine, Who Is Declared to Have Grown Tired or Delay and Is Taking Matter Into His Own Hands.

Halifax, May 4—The Daily Echo says today:

"Things are in an unsettled state at the Halifax dockyard and there seems to be an element of uncertainty among the employes as to the future. Some have left to take other situations in view of the orders to close the yard. It was reported that a former official of the yard, a well known Halifax man, was to return here in connection with the situation, but later advice is that he is to remain at Ottawa. Several officials of the yard have been at Ottawa, but there is no announcement there of any change in the situation.

A story that has leaked out from Ottawa, however, puts a new face on the whole naval policy matter. According to this story Jellicoe's overseas naval programme is to be carried out by the Canadian government and Canada is to have a modern navy comprising battle cruisers, destroyers, etc. to be the gift of the British admiralty. This is said to have been a statement made privately by the minister of marine.

"It is said that the recent order of the government that the naval stations and dockyards go out of commission and the officers and employes be discharged appears now a camouflaged method to allow of the introduction of a new naval programme with a clean slate. The minister is reported as saying that he is tired of the phylandering and criss-crossing going on in connection with the Jellicoe programme and is taking the matter wholly in his own hands. Great Britain will be asked for a gift of battle cruisers, destroyers and other craft as a nucleus for a new Canadian navy, the dockyards will be re-established and the navy manned by young officers trained in the late war.

Canada did not reject Jellicoe's plan entirely, as stated in the British House of Commons. The plan will be adapted to Canada's needs and the offering of the dockyards at Halifax and Esquimaux, as well as of the ships will be new. Captain Hogg, late superintendent of the Halifax dockyard, has been in Esquimaux in connection with the new programme not yet officially announced and soon will call on the minister of marine to consult with the British admiralty concerning concrete methods of carrying out the new Canadian naval plan, and will return as commander of Canadian naval dockyards and stations. Word has been sent by relatives on the 'inside' to young Canadian officers serving in the imperial navy of the new programme with the advice that they seek discharge therefrom or transfer to the Canadian navy, wherein chances of promotion will be much better."

MAY BU FLEET OF OUR TRAWLERS

British Syndicate Said to Have Been Formed

Would Use Ships in the North Sea—Talk of Purchase of 40 and Clean Up Fleet Quartered in Halifax.

Halifax, N. S., May 4—Negotiations involving a big money turnover and which may result in the disposal of the entire fleet of Canadian naval trawlers, are now in progress with a British syndicate. The syndicate has been formed, it is understood, for this purpose, and if the purchase goes through the ships will be used for trawling in the North Sea.

This information was given out by L. W. Parson, representative of the Anderson Company of Montreal, now in the city in connection with the sale of some of the boats to other interests. The number named in the negotiations with the British syndicate is forty, and these, in addition to the number which have already been sold, will practically clean up the fleet of ships of this type which have been quartered in this harbor since the close of the war, and which rendered efficient coast service in its closing years.

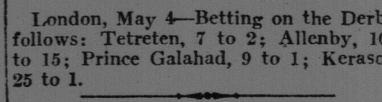
WAY OF CROSS IN COLISEUM RESUMED AFTER HALF CENTURY.

Rome, May 4—After fifty years the Coliseum has been the scene of the moving and picturesque ceremony of the way of cross. Pope Benedict XIV., who reigned as Pope from 1740 to 1758, instituted the ceremony by placing a cross in the centre of the arena, where martyrs had given their lives for the faith, and erecting fourteen stations of the cross about the historic pile. Each Friday the ancient amphitheatre witnessed the solemn rite.

Celebrants have once more visited the Coliseum, and arrayed in their strange gray garments, which include a cow which covered the head and face, have revived the ceremony of old time. Princess Barberini, carrying a processional cross, led a column of women, while among the men taking part in the rite were many from the patrician families of the city. Crowds gathered along the streets traversed by the procession to witness a spectacle which Rome has not seen since the old papal days.

TETRATEN THE DERBY FAVORITE

London, May 4—Betting on the Derby follows: Tetraten, 7 to 2; Alenby, 100 to 15; Prince Galahad, 9 to 1; Keramos, 25 to 1.



Sir Richard Winfrey, M. P. for Norfolk, England, the parliamentary secretary for the department of agriculture in Lloyd George's cabinet 1915-1919, who arrived in Toronto this week. He is known as the Food King of England.