

# Slump In U.S. Business May Boost C.N. Deficit to \$15,000,000, Thornton Says

## THORNTON SEES DEFICIT ON C.N. R.

Canadian People Must Face Unpleasant Possibility of Large Loss.

### U. S. BUSINESS BAD

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Calgary, Aug. 15.—The people of Canada must face the unpleasant possibility that the loss on operation of the Canadian National lines will be from 13 to 15 million dollars for 1924, much of which is due to bad business in the United States, where the Canadian National has a large and productive mileage.

This information was given by Sir Henry Thornton, president of the Canadian National Railways, to members of the board of trade at luncheon given today to Sir Henry and his party.

Sir Henry said that the year opened auspiciously with a material increase in revenue for the first three months, but that since May 1 last revenue had been falling off at the rate of 10 to 15 per cent a month.

Part of this was due to falling off in revenue on manufactured articles from the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

"It will be very doubtful, if not impossible, to obtain our objective of securing \$30,000,000 net for the system, but we hope for some improvement over present conditions before the end of the year," he said.

## CITY UNIONS TO TALK AMALGAMATION PLAN

Proposed Merger of Rail Organizations Will Be Discussed Monday.

A mass meeting has been called for Monday night by the Railroad Union Amalgamation Committee of all the railroad unions in London. The unions which make up this committee are the carmen, blacksmiths, boilermakers and ironworkers. The meeting will be held at the Labor Temple starting at 8 p.m.

There will be a prominent worker in the trade union movement in Toronto present to give a short address on the value of the amalgamation. It is not known yet who the speaker will be.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the proposed amalgamation of all the railroad shop unions. This movement was started in St. Paul, Minn., last year, and the committee working on the project in London has been active since the first meeting called by the committee, and the members of all the unions mentioned are urged to be present as the matter is for their welfare and a more definite idea of what the workman wants can be obtained by having them there in person.

## CHANGES IN SALVATION ARMY ARE ANNOUNCED

Nine Officers Affected in the Recent Announcement From Headquarters.

The following officers of the Salvation Army are affected by recent changes made in the army staff at a conference at Toronto:

Brigadier T. Walton, late of Toronto, was appointed as divisional commander to the Montreal division; Brigadier Wm. Burrows, late St. John's, N. B., appointed as divisional commander to the Toronto West Division; Major T. A. Burton, late of Halifax, N. S., Division, appointed as divisional commander to the St. John Division; Staff-Captain Alex. MacDonald, late of Sydney, C. B., Division, appointed as a divisional commander of the Halifax Division; Staff-Captain H. Ritchie, former Y. T. secretary of St. John Division, was appointed as divisional commander of the London Division; Commandant Miles in late of Montreal, was appointed as divisional commander of the Halifax Division; Staff-Captain MacDonald has been promoted to the rank of major.

## WATFORD W. I. MEMBERS HOLDS SUCCESSFUL PICNIC

Watford, Aug. 15.—The third annual picnic of the Watford branch of the Women's Institute was held on Wednesday afternoon on the lawn at the home of the first vice-president, Mrs. J. D. Brown, since the weather was so good. A large number of members and visitors gathered. Games and contests were the order of the afternoon. An amusing contest was won by Mrs. John McKeercher. The consolation prize had to be divided between several of the ladies.

A splendid talk on Australia was given by Miss Evelyn Hastings, graduate elocutionist, and a very interesting reading, entitled "Saying It With Curtains," was given by Mrs. J. McKay.

A beautiful lunch brought the picnic to a close.

## "Y" SWIMMING ATTENDANCE SHOWS BIG INCREASE

The swimming attendance at the Y. M. C. A. is increasing. It shows an increase as soon as the weather does not permit comfortable splashing in the outdoor pools. This morning the boys were at the "Y" bright and early for a tank plunge.



MRS. WILLIAM F. TERRANCE

and daughter, who was the first prize at the Irishman's picnic at the landowner's mother and baby. Mrs. Terrance, who lives in New York City, is a daughter of Hugh M. McLennan, 575 Horton street. Mrs. Terrance, when a baby, captured two prizes at former Irish picnics.

## THIEVES RANSACK CLOTHING STORE

Suits and Silk Shirts Stolen From Robert McMorran's Shop.

Special to The Advertiser.  
Stratford, Aug. 15.—During the early hours of this morning the clothing store of Robert McMorran, Ontario street, was entered by burglars, and a number of suits and silk shirts stolen. The full loss has not been determined, but it will be several hundred dollars.

A door leading from the coal cellar to the main cellar of the store was locked on the store side, but the door had been lifted off its hinges and set to one side. Apparently the burglars then went up to the main floor of the store, and crossing to the far side, picked up a number of silk shirts, the piles of shirts being disturbed. A number of suits were found on the floor, and several suits and shirts were also found lying on a car near the cellar door.

At a meeting of the executive of the Old Boys' Reunion Association last night it was made apparent that the reunion of last week was a financial success as well as a social one. The accounts tabled last night totalled something over \$8,000. It was reported that the receipts would amount to \$10,000.

At a meeting of the board of health last night the question of raising the standard of butter fat in milk sold in the city of 3.5 per cent was discussed. A report of a milk dealer yesterday morning was received, and showed considerable improvement since the last test.

The test revealed that the practically every case where a warning had been given an improvement had been made.

## SEE EUROPE BETWEEN MEALS SEEMS IDEAL

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fact, during the dull season hundreds of them die for lack of foolish questions to answer.

After viewing the Latin quarter, Montmartre, the Louvre, Napoleon's tomb, the Eiffel tower, the arch of triumph, Notre Dame and several other sights, the agency guide and several others shows his victims the insane asylum. Many tourists decide to stay there.

In Germany the agencies give each customer a tag to pin on his sleeve. This, they claim, will show notice that the customer is a stranger, and a sign of peace and friendliness. As a token of their friendship they continuously hold out the palm.

## PRINCE OF ABYSSINIA SAILS FOR HIS HOME

Marselles, Aug. 15.—Ras Tafari, recent prince of Abyssinia, sailed for home yesterday after his visit to the capitals of Europe. He took with him a mountain of baggage weighing over thirty tons, composed for a large part of the sumptuous presents made to him by the various governments.

## FINISH CANNING PEAS.

Peas, which have been in the canning factory finished the canning of peas here today. Over 400 acres were contracted, and the crop was good. Preparations are now being made to handle the corn crop.

## COMBER PASOR GOES TO COBDEN

Rev. Robert Duncanson Receives Unanimous Call—Presbytery Confirms.

Special to The Advertiser.  
Chatham, Aug. 15.—Rev. Robert Duncanson of Comber received a unanimous call from the congregation of Cobden, in the presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, which was dealt with in his favor at a special meeting of the Chatham presbytery. At the next meeting of the presbytery in September, it is expected that the Rev. Dr. Duncanson will be principal of the Presbyterian College, Halifax, and moderator of the general assembly, will be present. Rev. Dr. Laird of Toronto, treasurer of the Presbyterian Church, is also expected.

### Boys Break Window.

A boyish prank, which had serious consequences, is being investigated by the police. A number of boys are alleged to have sought recreation in hurling stones at a window. The latter obnoxious act is alleged to have struck one of the boys. This resulted in the man being followed along King Street until one of the boys hurled a stone at the window of the Liggett Drug Store was shattered.

An automobile driven by Fred Campbell crashed into a wagon last night and then plunged into a ditch. Campbell received injuries to his arm and face.

Western Ontario should be represented on the directorate of the Canadian National Railways is the text of a resolution which will be passed by the Chatham Board of Trade at an early meeting. The resolution has been requested by the Western Ontario boards of trade. Thomas O'Neil, insurance proprietor, Charing Cross, complained to county police that \$39 had been stolen from his cash till while he was attending the wants of tourists. County police are investigating the case.

## EXECUTIVE WILL MEET ON TUESDAY EVENING

Unemployed of City Choose Representatives To Consider Situation.

The executive elected last night at a meeting of the unemployed of the city will meet on Tuesday evening next. It is presumed that Arthur Mould, president of the unemployed of the city, will carry with him real facts and figures as to the local situation, since only 25 names have been added to the list during the past 24 hours. About 175 have registered to date as being out of work.

The previous large classification list, embracing 40 of the trades, was added to among the most recent registrations to include a metal polisher, engine fitter, barber, cigar-maker and toaster.

Seen later this morning, Mayor Wenige urged a more complete registration than that which was proceeding at the city hall.

"What we want," he said, "is 100 per cent registration. Let every unemployed man in the city get his name on that list so that when we go to Ottawa we will have all the necessary ammunition."

Asked to give his opinion as to the number of men at present unemployed, the mayor said he believed there was at least a thousand.

## POPULAR "Y" OFFICIAL LEAVES FOR NEW POST

R. P. Liddle Assumes General Secretaryship of St. Thomas Y.M.C.A.

R. P. Liddle, who for the past seven years has been connected with the Y. M. C. A. as industrial secretary and men's work secretary, leaves his present position of acting general secretary today to take his new post as general secretary in the St. Thomas Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Liddle is well known in the industrial circles in London and he will be greatly missed around the "Y." He takes over his new duties at St. Thomas on September 1.

For the next two weeks he will attend the Y. M. C. A. summer sessions at Couchiching, the Northern Ontario resort where the physical is being held.

As physical director at St. Thomas, Mr. Liddle will have with him Gordon Butler, who has been assistant physical director here. No new assistants for Physical Director George Sinclair of the local Y. M. C. A. have been named. Mr. Butler is at Couchiching at present.

## G.W.V.A. BAND TO GIVE SUNDAY NIGHT CONCERT

Weather permitting the G. W. V. A. Band will play the following program in Queen's Park Sunday evening, Aug. 17th, commencing at 8:30 p.m.

March—Brook's Triumphal... Brook's Overture—Bridal Rose... Lavalles Waltz—Wedding of the Winds... Selection—Clustam's Plantation Songs, Arranged by Winderbottom... Valise des Fleurs, from Casse Noisette Suite... Tschikowsky Overture—Poet and Peasant... Supper God Save the King.

## HOLD S. S. PICNIC.

Wardsville, Aug. 15.—The annual picnic of the three S. S. of the Anglican, Presbyterian and Methodist churches was held at Port Glasgow on Wednesday. The afternoon was spent in games, led by Rev. Mr. Bridgette, Rev. Murphy, Isaac Waterworth, Frank McGregor and W. Atkinson. Many foot races and a barrel hoop race were among the sports.

## GOOD WEATHER STILL IN SIGHT

Prof. Dearness Disagrees With Chicago Prophet's Recent Forecast.

An eminent Chicago weather specialist yesterday announced with authority that Mr. Average Man has already concluded from his own observations: "This is a year without a summer."

August is well under way and so far the summer has brought only protracted spring weather, with a characteristic amount of rain, mildly disguised with summer frocks and straw hats.

The Chicago weatherman offers rather gloomy prognostications as to the sort of weather which may still be expected, but Prof. John Dearness, local scientist, refuses to share his pessimism.

"We haven't had summer so far," Dr. Dearness says, "but that is no reason why we can't have a nice fall and Indian summer."

Dr. Dearness takes no stock in the break moon phases, which have led some to announce startling things in the way of weather conditions. For instance, the fact that there were two new moons in July was looked upon with awe and wonder by some persons as the forerunner of unusual crop conditions.

"The best scientific authorities," Dr. Dearness says, "do not admit that the moon, the planets, or stars have any influence upon our weather conditions. What influence the moon has, if any, would be at the most so slight that it would only be noticeable in obtaining averages."

Dr. Dearness' conclusions are encouraging in view of the epidemic of prophecies of a long hard winter, "early sharp frosts," "no Indian summer."

He says: "I don't believe weather prophecies are reliable for any more than a week ahead."

## Locatelli Hops For Iceland

Associated Press Despatch.  
Thorshavn, Faroe Islands, Aug. 15.—Lieut. Locatelli, Italian transatlantic aviator, left here for Iceland at 8:55 o'clock this morning. Lieut. Locatelli's plane passed the island of Myzenas at 9:19 o'clock, with everything going smoothly. He is right on the heels of the United States fliers.

## PRESS DISCUSSES CASE OF COMMUNIST EDITOR

Papers Still Excited Over the Withdrawal of John Ross Campbell.

Associated Press Despatch.  
London, Aug. 15.—The withdrawal of the prosecution of John Ross Campbell, editor of the Communist organ, "The Workers' Weekly," who was arrested at the instance of the director of the London police, charged with publishing an article, with a view to seducing members of the fighting forces from their allegiance to the king, continues to excite comment.

The Daily Sketch asserts that the active agency in urging upon the government the withdrawal of the withdrawal of the prosecution of Campbell was the labor executive committee which was formed by Labor M.P.'s at the beginning of the recent session to get back the stability of the government and the rank and file of the Labor party.

When John Ross Campbell appeared before a magistrate the second time on the charge in question, counsel for the public prosecutor said: "It had been represented that the only object of the alleged seditious article was to oppose the employment of the military in industrial disputes." No evidence was given and Campbell was discharged.

## COL. MITCHELL HEADS TEACHERS' FEDERATION

Elected at Annual Convention Which Concluded in Victoria Yesterday.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Victoria, B. C., Aug. 15.—The convention of the Canadian Teachers' Federation came to a close here yesterday afternoon with the selection of Toronto as next year's meeting place and the election of Lieut.-Col. W. M. Mitchell of Toronto, as president of the organization, in succession of R. C. Newland of Edmonton.

R. E. Howe of Westmount, Que., was chosen vice-president and G. J. Elliott of Winnipeg, secretary-treasurer. Lieut. Lowther of Charlottetown, Harry Charlesworth of Victoria, and Miss M. Milburn of Saskatoon were appointed members of the executive as representatives of their respective points. As Mr. Newland retains membership on the executive by virtue of his tenancy of the position of president, the seven provinces with membership in the Teachers' Federation are all represented on the governing body.

The village of Markham had been brightly decorated by huge arches and banners for the occasion. Besides this, streets are decorated in his honor with scores of large flags, and with many colored bunting. The portion of the large agricultural hall in which Premier King will receive, is literally one high bank of ferns and the hall itself has been prodigally decorated with flowers. The platform and grandstand are also gallily decorated.

A complete program of sports for girls and boys, men and women of all ages has been arranged with suitable prizes for the winners.

Sports for the amputation cases among returned soldiers have also been organized. The grandstand will be from Christie Hospital will go to Markham to compete in these.

## Suburban Heights. The Scorchers.

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

FLOPS INTO CHAIR ON PORCH AND REMARKS THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP COMFORTABLE ON A DAY LIKE THIS IS TO KEEP ONE'S MIND OFF THE HEAT.

ALMOST IMMEDIATELY GETS UP TO SEE IF THERMOMETER HAS GONE UP ANY.

WIFE SUGGESTS HE'D BETTER MOVE OVER WHERE SHE IS—THERE'S A LITTLE BREEZE HERE.

AFTER FEW MINUTES OF INDECISION WHETHER IT'S WORTH WHILE TO MOVE DRAGS CHAIR WITH SHRIEL SCRAPPING NOISE OVER BESIDE WIFE.

WANTS TO KNOW WHERE THE BREEZE IS HE DOESN'T FEEL ANY. WISHES HE WERE BACK WHERE HE WAS.

CALLS OUT TO LESLIE CRIM AS THIS HOT ENOUGH FOR HIM IT'S GOING TO BE A SCORCHER ISN'T IT.

SPENDS A FEW MINUTES IN LIVELY DEBATE WITH LESLIE WHETHER THIS IS HOTTER THAN THAT AUGUST SUNDAY TWO YEARS AGO.

FINDS HE HASN'T ENOUGH DEED FOR A REALLY GOOD ARGUMENT. WONDERS IF IT MAKES HIM HOTTER OR COOLER TO FAN HIMSELF.

REMARKS TO WIFE YOU CAN'T TELL HIM THAT FRED'S PORCH IS COOLER THAN THEIRS—SOME THING'S THE MATTER WITH FRED'S THERMOMETER, THAT'S ALL.

WONDERS IF IT'S WORTH WHILE TO WALK DOWN TOWN FOR A PAPER. HE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT THE OFFICIAL TEMPERATURE IS.

## UNEMPLOYED ARE LOATH TO SIGN

Only 177 Have Registered at City Hall—Mayor Says 1,000 Out of Work.

It would seem that the unemployed of the city are loath to register at the relief office of the city hall in response to the request of Mayor Wenige, so that when he goes to Ottawa to the unemployment conference early in September, he may carry with him real facts and figures as to the local situation, since only 25 names have been added to the list during the past 24 hours.

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## IF PEOPLE WANT HIM, HE'LL RUN, SAYS WENIGE

Mayor's Office No Place For Frock Coat and Silk Hat, George Avers.

"Good morning Mr. Mayor for 1926. May I use your phone?"

Mayor Wenige was thus addressed this morning by a rattlepate who came into his bicycle store desirous of talking over the wires.

"Certainly," smiling responded his worship.

The reporter, seeming a little story, was all attention.

"He's a little premature, isn't he? He should have said 1925."

"That conceded," came back the smiling George.

"At least it's conceded that you are going to stand for the mayoralty."

"That's up to the public."

"How do you mean to the public?"

"Do you mean you won't stand unless a deputation waits on you, asking you to do so?"

"Not necessarily a deputation. I'll pulse the feeling of the public and if I feel in my mind that I am not wanted a third year as mayor I'll not present myself, but if I feel that they want me to stand I'm there at their service. I'll stick to my methods though. I've never run away from anything since I went to school. A mayor's job these days is no cinch. It's a business man's job. The day for the frock-coated mayor with the milk hat is past."

Work on the Wellington street paving is going on with the accustomed speed of this year's city engineering program. The curb and gutter on the east side of the street extends for nearly a block from Horton street south. The full paving program for the city was finished this week about a month ahead of last year's time, and the city engineer hopes that a record year in paving work will be established this year.

Planning for areas at present un-built on or unsubdivided.

"Zoning or restricting the use to which buildings may be put and securing areas for both old and new development."

"Replanning of built-up or partly built-up and subdivided areas."

While no one of these matters should be considered without reference to the other two, yet Mr. Seymour pointed out the first and second may be accomplished with but little, if any, expense, while the third or the replanning of areas already built up or partly built up involves expense which might have been avoided by proper planning in the past.

## PALATIAL FLOATING CABARET ANCHORED OFF LONG ISLAND

Carries Almost Any Kind of Vintage of Bacchus To Be Had—At a Price.

Associated Press Despatch.  
New York, Aug. 15.—Anchored fifteen miles off Fire Island, a small island on the ocean side of Long Island, says a copyright article in the New York Herald-Tribune today, is a 17,000-ton liner flying the British flag, which has been converted into a palatial floating cabaret, where almost any kind of vintage of Bacchus may be had—for a price.

On board this sumptuous floating playground, says the Tribune's article, are silverware and linen stamped with the name of the former German liner, Friedrich der Grosse. The name of the vessel has been painted out, and those on board are reticent regarding the registry of the ship or its home port. There is a \$5 cover charge, and the prices of drinks range from \$1 to \$2.50. Wine is \$2 per quart.

The article says the mysterious liner is the scene of nightly parties which last well into the morning, given by wealthy patrons, who go off to the carnival ship by means of private yachts or speed boats. As the vessel frequently shifts its position, only those known to the captain of the cabaret ship know at all times where it is to be found.

On the poop deck of the vessel is a reproduction of the Statue of Liberty, to which convivial patrons drink mid-night toasts the article says.

Luxurious accommodations, fine food, and an excellent hotel service is maintained for their comfort, the article states, while a large ballroom makes for gaiety. There are mid-night movies. Women, as well as men visitors, stand up to the bar.

The Herald-Tribune writer located the general position of the ship after two days of reconnoitering along the southern coast of Long Island. He left with a party of seven pleasure seekers from Babylon about 5 in the afternoon, and after a stormy passage reached the pleasure ship about dark. There were no questions asked when the party sought to board the liner, according to the writer, but \$5 was collected from each guest as he went aboard.

On the ship's deck, the writer found a large number of women, some of whom were dressed in evening gowns, and others in more casual attire. The atmosphere was one of high society and the service was impeccable.

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The ship's captain, who was seen by the writer, was a man of middle age, with a friendly expression. He was dressed in a white uniform, and he seemed to be in command of the vessel.

The ship's crew was also seen, and they seemed to be well-trained and efficient. The ship's equipment was also impressive, with a large number of lifeboats and other safety features.

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## COUNTY ROADS BEING IMPROVED

Strathroy-Middlemiss Project Is Now Nearing Completion.

The work that was started last year on the Strathroy-Middlemiss is now nearing completion and will be finished next week. Other roads in Middlesex are being put into good shape. The Hyde Park pavement is three-quarters finished.

County Engineer Talbot said today that good progress is being made on the north bank road to Springbank. The improvements as far as Byron take the form of widening, grading, and squaring off the shoulders. When the road is completed it should be as good a road as gravel can make it.

Teams are now at work on the waterworks hill at Springbank. This road is rough owing to the work that is being done on it. The grades are being widened and the big stones removed.

There is a big improvement in the Ekfrid road, especially around Melbourne, where the big stones have been removed.

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