

Increase in Retail Prices is Strongly Denounced by Ford

Detroit Motor Magnate Calls It a Deliberate Attempt to Slow Up the Return of Business, and Hopes That President Roosevelt Will Put a Stop To It.

DETROIT, Mich., April 6—The present upward movement of retail prices represents a "deliberate attempt to slow up the return of business," Henry Ford declared today in an interview.

The Administration will stop the movement for higher prices if it is sincere "in trying to bring the country back," Ford said.

"President Roosevelt," he added, "has headed off a number of dangerous developments. I hope that for the sake of the country he will head off this craze to boost prices."

Several large automobile companies have announced impending price increases, but Mr. Ford has been quoted as saying he will not boost prices notwithstanding recent wage increases.

"The movement to boost prices is a deliberate attempt to slow up the return of business for there are some things that cannot be put across in this country unless confusion and depression are to continue," he said.

"I do not say that the manufacturer who raises prices intends this, but the system that teaches him that increased prices are his only hope, does intend it. If business comes back, too many nice plans will be spoiled."

MINTO MINER'S DEATH DECLARED ACCIDENTAL

Inquest at Minto Last Night Over the Death of Allan W. Bonnell Jr.

MINTO, N. B., April 5—A verdict of accidental death, with the finding that the dump was in good condition and that no blame could be attached to anyone, was returned at the inquest held here tonight into the death yesterday of Allan W. Bonnell, 31, car dumper employed by the Avon Coal Company. Bonnell died of injuries received the previous day while at work. The inquest, held in the Minto Memorial Hall, was presided over by Dr. H. M. Gardiner, coroner.

Members of the jury were: James Milligan, foreman; W. P. Miller, Thos. McDermott, Richard Graves, Harry Thurrott, James Butler and Charles Higgins.

Witnesses included John Jacquart, mine foreman, who said the runaway was slippery at times, but was dry when Bonnell fell from it; Robert Gee, stationary engineer at the shaft where the accident occurred, who said Bonnell had remarked, on regaining consciousness after the 18-foot fall, that he had "slipped on the dump, but would be all right in a few minutes"; Sylvan Allan, carman, who was in a box car under the chute at the time of the accident, heard moaning, looked out, saw Bonnell lying on the ground and summoned assistance; Havelock Barton, standing in a doorway of a camp opposite the shaft and witnessing the accident, who said Bonnell had stopped his box at the end of the chute and had reached over to draw out the end of the board of the box to allow the coal to pass through, then falling head-first over the side of the runaway, and Dr. S. W. Buchanan, who described the injuries Bonnell received.

Lots of people are willing to help you make up your income tax return, but aid in making the payment is something else again.

AIRMAN SAVED FROM DEATH IN JUNGLE HELL

Calif, Colombia, April 5—Primitive Indians searching for treasure found Newton C. Marshall, of Milwaukee, Wis., alive today, the sole survivor of an aeroplane accident March 10 in the Bolivar-Valle Department which took a reported toll of five lives, an official announcement said.

Weak and ill, Marshall had wandered for weeks through the dense jungles of that mountainous region. Escaping with his life from the wrecked plane, Marshall was saved just in time from a terrifying death in the "Jungle Hell" from which few white men have ever emerged alive.

Marshall was completely exhausted and found it almost impossible to talk when he was located by a tribe of Indians called the Guaqueros, famed for the use of poison arrows in years gone by. The Scadta Airline, which owned the plane, rushed a physician and nurse from Cali aboard a special plane, and two employees of the company were sent from Bogota to the region where Marshall was reported located.

Identification was officially made, the announcement stated, through papers and a passport the man was carrying.

DEAD AFTER COMMUNION

Memphis, April 5—Fred G. Weiss, 53, pharmacist, partook of holy communion at Trinity Lutheran Church, returned to his pew and fell dead. His death disrupted Holy Thursday services at the church.

Maine man has eyes that magnify 100 times. Pooh, that's nothing compared to the vision some fishermen have who tell about the big one they saw before it got away.

PREMIER OF N.B. A SPEAKER AT MINE BANQUET

Hon. Mr. Tilley Says New Brunswick Lumber Industry Is on the Road to Recovery.

QUEBEC, April 5—New Brunswick was not among the large mining communities of Canada at present, stated Premier L. P. D. Tilley of New Brunswick tonight in addressing the 35th annual banquet of the Canadian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy here.

The province's major industries, he said, are lumber, agriculture and fish. And as Minister of Lands as well as Mines, he wished to remind his hearers that New Brunswick's lumbering industry was emerging from the economic lethargy which had encompassed it for the past few years.

Lumber exports from his province, he said, showed a splendid increase last year and the products of the forests continued to find a ready and profitable market in the United Kingdom.

Officers Installed

Installation of officers took place at the banquet which brought to a close the 35th annual meeting of the Institute. Speeches were delivered by Premier L. A. Taschereau, of Quebec, and Hon. W. A. Gordon, Minister of Mines in the Dominion Government, as well as the newly elected president, Selwyn B. Blaylock, general manager of the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company, Trail, B.C.

Dominion Taxation

Attitude of the Dominion Government towards taxation on mining was reviewed by Mr. Gordon, Minister of Mines at Ottawa.

"It is obvious," Mr. Gordon said, "that any undue stricture placed upon the profits of gold mines would result in Canada, as it has in other countries, in the slowing up of the stream of speculative money needed for gold mining development."

Some held to the belief, he said, the Government should take a greater share of profits from gold producing companies. The better course, he felt was to maintain stable taxation and thereby afford greater development of gold resources with consequent greater return to the Dominion's exchequer.

Government Official Under Arrest on a Serious Charge

Quite a sensation has been created here by the arrest last night by the R.C.M.P. of a clerk in the Provincial Department of Education on a charge of forgery. It was part of his duty to handle the government grants sent out twice a year to the school teachers of the Province, and it is claimed that it was his custom to pad the list by having a number of cheques made out in favor of fictitious parties. The cheques were afterwards endorsed by somebody and cashed by local banks. Although a charge of forging a cheque for \$68 has been preferred, it is said that the government is out a much larger amount. The case has created a lot of talk about the city, and great sympathy is manifested for the relations of the man involved. The accused is a veteran of the Great War and has been in the employ of the provincial government for over twenty years. He is a married man and is in receipt of a salary of \$1,850 a year.

The accused was arraigned before Police Magistrate Limerick this afternoon and remanded until Thursday next at 10 o'clock. It is understood an application will be made for bail by C. R. Hawkins his solicitor.

Nobody loves a fat man, and people are not exactly crazy about nudists, either.

LIQUOR DEALERS ARE PURCHASING CAN. EXCHANGE

Americans Secured Canadian Cash To Buy Liquor

TRADE DISORDERLY

The Trial Period For Importers To Begin May 1st

Toronto, April 6—The Canadian dollar has as one of its elements of strength at New York City the steady accumulation of Canadian exchange by liquor interests who desire to buy Canadian spirits. New York financial writers have shown a disposition to regard this as a new phenomenon caused by a desire of importers to take advantage of the trial period of 30 or 60 days to begin May 1st, when restrictions on imports of intoxicating liquors are to be lifted as part of the administration's move against bootlegging.

Exporters in Canada, however, lay little stress on this angle of the business and are not even excited by the decision reported in a dispatch, dated March 29, from Washington, D. C., that permission would be given throughout April for unlimited importation of American type rye and Bourbon whiskeys from any country. It is true that Canada has practically the only foreign supplies of much account but holders of these supplies have not been worrying about the present quota regulations. The real bar has been the United States duty on imports. As it has been urged at Washington that the duty should be cut in two, Canadian exporters and United States importers will be slow to take further advantage of the wide-open period than actual needs require because they would fear a later drop in duty would put any supplies sent into the United States over the present tariff in a vulnerable position competitively against later supplies.

Brands Counterfeited

Although the trial period is spoken of as a wide open era for imports the duty of \$5 a gallon may still be regarded as a very effective protection against legitimate imports. This protection may have to be reduced considerably if the United States government is to cope adequately with the wide-spread revival of bootlegging. Many of the well known brands of the big distilling companies are being counterfeited and sold to unscrupulous dealers. Imported products are being both smuggled in and counterfeited and even cheaper grades of domestic whiskey are being packaged and marketed extensively under masquerading labels. Bottle makers and bottle cap manufacturers state that large orders have been received from customers formerly known as bootleggers before repeal. The latter are said to do a small legal business which covered a much larger illegal volume.

PLOWING HAS BEEN STARTED IN ALBERTA

Winnipeg, Man., April 6—Spring is definitely announced in Alberta with the report of plowing and field work general today in the district surrounding Barnwell in the foothills province. The report is verified by J. M. McKay, general agricultural agent of the Canadian Pacific Railways western lines. Work on the land at Barnwell follows directly upon the first farm activities in the west, reported from Taber, Alberta, in the Lethbridge division as early as February 13.

Some people seem to have a round-about way of squaring themselves.

Sale of Gasoline To be Licensed By Ontario Gov't

Will Go After Unscrupulous Dealers Who Dodge Tax Payments—An Act Passed at the Recent Session of the Legislature—No License Fee To Be Charged.

TORONTO, April 6—Great interest throughout the whole oil industry is being taken in "An Act respecting the Handling of Gasoline," which was passed by the Ontario Legislature after being introduced by Hon. Leopold Macaulay, Minister of Highways. It proposes to make it obligatory on all persons selling gasoline in the province for use in motor vehicles to get licenses from the Department and the Department is given power to refuse to grant a license and to revoke or suspend any license given. No fee will be required but it is explained that the Department thinks it desirable to require licenses in order to obtain full information as to the quantities which are used in the province.

The recent legislation passed in the Nova Scotia Legislature draws attention to the fact that this ability to refuse or revoke licenses places it in the power of the Ontario Government to control the number of outlets if it ever desires to establish conditions similar to those aimed at Nova Scotia or by Code regulations in the United States aiming at "fair trade practices."

EVIDENCE TO BE TAKEN IN OLD COUNTRY

A Number of Witnesses To Be Examined in the Case Against Senator Logan.

Ottawa, April 5—Steps are being taken to obtain the evidence of eight witnesses in England in the \$71,276 suit of the government against Senator Hance J. Logan, Amherst, N. S., and Captain Freeman Hatfield, arising out of the "Gypsum Queen" regarations case.

Letters of request to the high court of judicature in England to take the evidence of these witnesses on behalf of the Crown are being forwarded today to London. The letters of request are signed by President A. K. Maclean of the exchequer court of Canada, in which court the government filed its claim. On the return of this evidence from England, the case will be set down for hearing in Ottawa.

The government claims the payment of \$71,276 was secured by fraud, deceit and conspiracy on the part of Hatfield and Senator Logan.

The claim of the government is that the three-master schooner "Gypsum Queen" founded 500 miles off the coast of Ireland in 1915 and had not been destroyed as a result of enemy warfare as submitted in evidence before former reparation commissioner Errol M. McDougall, Montreal.

A Dynamic Student

Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, April 5—Harry Klier, Waynesburg College sophomore, has found a novel way to ar nhis way through school.

He is a licensed dynamite shooter nd between classes and on Saturday handles the explosives on CWA highway projects.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Maxwell, who have been spending the winter in Montreal, are returning home tomorrow.

SAINT JOHN DRY DOCK CO'Y. TO RE-FINANCE

May Make a New Issue of Bonds at a Smaller Coupon Rate.

Montreal, April 6—Saint John Drydock and shipbuilding Company, will shortly call in all of its outstanding funded debt, payment to be made out of the proceeds of a new issue which will carry a smaller coupon rate, according to unofficial reports.

During the post-war period the company issued nearly \$4,000,000 of 5 1-2 per cent first mortgage bonds in five series, 1919, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, due serially in 1954, 1956, 1958 and 1959, respectively. Both interest and principal are payable in Canadian funds, while the bonds are secured on property and by assignment of annual Dominion subsidy. The latter is sufficient to meet principal and interest of the entire issue. At the beginning of last year the aggregate amount of the bonds outstanding was \$3,276,401.

Saint John Drydock is one of the companies in the Playfair-Ross group. It was incorporated in 1916 to build and operate a drydock at Saint John. This was completed in 1923. In 1928 the company commenced a structural steel business. Since then the company has been actively engaged in dredging operations and has handled several important contracts for the Saint John Harbor Commission.

What's in a Name?

Wildwood, New Jersey, April 5—Don't like the weather, huh? Well, be careful what you say about it around the Wildwood Crest Grammar School. The principal is Mrs. Brooks Blizard.

The music teacher is Frank Sunshine. And the janitor is William Showers.

Lots of fellows get broke being egged on to a shell game.