

Devaluation Means Cheaper British Goods In U.S. And Canada

Wide Financial Action As Britain's Move

SAIMED TO STIMULATE U.K.'S TRADE BUT BRITONS MUST MUCH HARDER, CRIPPS SAYS

(CP)—Prices of British goods on North American markets will take a sharp drop as a result of the devaluation of the pound, it was predicted here today by Sir Stafford Cripps' momentous move on Sunday night.

The move brought the pound down from \$4.03 to \$2.80 and brought similar moves in other countries. The relative value of the pound was predicted for the last time by Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, in his return from London.

valuation was aimed at increasing Britain's power to earn dollars for "that's the only permanent solution to our difficulties." Britain's money move touched off the biggest world-wide round of financial juggling since the days of the depression. Eleven countries whose trade is closely linked with Britain followed suit, cheapening their currencies. Others are expected to join soon.

Within a few hours, similar cuts were announced by Australia, South Africa, India, New Zealand, Ireland, Israel, Norway, Denmark and Burma.

France, Italy, Sweden, Holland, Greece and Finland suspended bank dealings in foreign exchange.

In Canada, linked by trade ties with Britain but whose money mainly follows, United States dollar routes, Finance Minister Abbott promised a statement to Parliament tonight. Simultaneously, the Canadian government ordered suspension of foreign exchange dealings until tomorrow.

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COMMONWEALTH TRIBUTE—British Empire Service League conference delegates from all parts of the Commonwealth pay tribute to war dead in a ceremony at the National War Memorial in Ottawa. Viscount Alexander, the governor-general, salutes directly in front of the cenotaph after placing the first wreath. (C. P. Photo)

MILITANT ATTACK ON FORCES OF EVIL KEY TO SALVATIONIST LIFE

Col. Gilbert Best Speaker at Citizens' Rally in Citadel on Sunday Afternoon

The Salvation Army's militant stand against liquor, vice, sickness and poverty was emphasized Sunday afternoon by Col. Gilbert Best, of Toronto, the Army's field secretary for Canada, Newfoundland and Bermuda, at a citizens' rally at the Citadel.

Col. Best, who arrived in the city Saturday night from the interior, is here in connection with the fifty-fifth annual summer congress which concludes this evening.

Sunday's rally was attended by a gathering which filled the Citadel and was taken part in by two business leaders and by three clergymen from other Protestant denominations. Chairman L. M. Felsenthal, who headed the Salvation Army's Red Shield campaign this year.

Speaking on the subject "Our Standing Army," Col. Best pointed to the increasing awareness in Canada of the need for a trained standing military army as a safeguard for peace.

"True democratic preparedness will never be a bedfellow of militarism," he said. "We want to see the peace of the world preserved and we must be prepared to effectively safeguard it."

This analogy he carried over to the field of Christianity, declaring that the "standing army" he wished to speak about is a "Christian army—united and including all the churches of Christendom."

"We need such an army to combat the great powers of evil which are abroad," he declared. The Salvation Army he described as one of the battalions of this great and uncompromising Christian army which must militate against evil forces.

The liquor trade with its great economic waste and debauchery of human lives is one of the enemies of the Christian way of life. He described "social" drinking as one of the great evils of the times.

"If we could put a stop to the practice of 'treating' we would do much to stop the drink evil," he declared.

In its battle against vice, the Salvation Army has a number of homes which are designed to restore and rehabilitate those who have fallen.

"One of the encouraging things about our work in this regard is the fact that so few who receive help fall out. Only a very small percentage slip a second time."

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ANGRY MINERS LEAVE PITS

PITTSBURGH (CP)—Angry miners stayed away from the pits in droves today in an unofficial work stoppage supporting their demands for renewed pension and welfare benefits.

Most of the 480,000 hard and soft coal diggers in the United Mine Workers union are expected to be idle by tonight. Their new slogan is "no pension, no work."



Tuesday, September 20, 1949
High 12:01 19.5 feet
Low 5:47 3.5 feet
18:02 6.0 feet



CROSS OF JERUSALEM—This cross, now being taken on a world tour by Dom. Thomas Bacquet, left, Belgian Benedictine monk, arrived in Quebec recently from Great Britain on the Empress of France. The tour began last Good Friday on Mount Calvary. In Canada, it will be taken to Montreal, Ottawa, Hamilton and London, Ont. At right is Rev. Philippe Lussier, director of pilgrimage at St. Anne de Beaupre Shrine near Quebec, first stop of the cross. S. C. Osborne, British Roman Catholic layman who accompanies Dom. Bacquet, is the third man in the photo. (C. P. Photo)

BELGIAN SHIP IS AGROUND

NEW YORK (CP)—The 2,500 ton Belgian steamship Brabant was reported aground today off the southern coast of Cuba. A tug is enroute to her rescue.

COAL STRIKE THREAT MOUNTS

WASHINGTON (CP)—Danger of a country-wide coal strike in the United States mounted over the week-end, but hopes brightened for averting a threatening steel strike.

The 400,000 coal miners were expected to stay away from the pits today because their welfare fund trustees and John L. Lewis voted to suspend their pension and other benefit payments.

The union is running out of money for the fund and some operators, with contracts with Lewis expiring, refuse to pay the 20-cent a ton royalty to the fund.

Meanwhile, members of the Steelworkers Union (CIO) agreed to send representatives to a meeting with the federal conciliation service after the government stepped into the dispute.

CHICAGO PRINTERS RETURN TO WORK

CHICAGO (CP)—More than 1,500 American Federation of Labor printers voted to end their 22-month-old strike against five Chicago newspapers Sunday. The publishers said the strikers would be put back to work as soon as possible.

The settlement falls short of the demands for which the printers struck in November, 1947. It calls for a \$10 a week raise while the original demand was for \$14.50.

FINED \$55 ON FOUR COUNTS

Joseph Daniels appeared before Magistrate W. D. Vance in the local police court Saturday and pleaded guilty to four charges which arose out of a collision with a taxi on September 10 on Seventh Avenue.

The penalties were on two charges of common assault, ten dollars or five days on each; for failing to give half of the highway under the Provincial Highway Act, ten dollars or five days, and for obstructing an officer of the law, twenty-five dollars and three-fifty costs or fourteen days.

The fines were paid on all counts.

Arresting officers were Constable White and Turner of the city police.

Atlantic Pact Countries Confer Against Background of Red Might

WASHINGTON (CP)—Twelve determined western powers shouldered mutual military responsibilities Saturday under the Atlantic Pact. Reports of mounting Russian armed strength painted a sombre background for their decision.

The foreign ministers of the Atlantic Alliance countries meeting for the first time as a council, ordered immediate steps be taken to draft "unified defence plans" for the entire north Atlantic area.

While they met, two committees of the United States Senate reported formally that Russia has more than 5,000,000 men under arms and appears to be carrying on a "deliberate" policy of adding to her military strength.

In its smooth-running session Saturday, the Atlantic Council created a cabinet-level defence committee, set up a half-dozen top-ranking military planning groups and decided on Washington as the alliance headquarters.

HERE'S MUD IN YOUR EYE

CHICAGO—A bartender was approached by a customer dressed as a railway engineer, carrying an oilcan. As the bartender was mixing the drink, the stranger squirted liquid in his eyes, and took \$50 from the cash register.

YANKS CARRY OFF RYDER TROPHY

GANTON, Yorkshire (CP)—United States professional golfers Saturday crushed Britain's best club swingers in six out of eight matches to come from behind to win the treasured Ryder Cup and break the spirits of 12,000 British spectators.

The one-sided trouncing of the home stars, who surprised everyone by winning three of Friday's four Scotch foursomes, made the final score 7-5 for the Americans who have held the international trophy since 1935.

POLISH YOUTHS SEIZE PLANE TO ESCAPE

STOCKHOLM (CP)—Five young Poles, armed with four loaded guns and a toy pistol, forced their way through the Iron Curtain by air Friday. Flashing mixed weapons, they took command of a Polish air liner on a domestic flight and had the plane land in Sweden. The five youths asked asylum in Sweden as political refugees and said they wanted to go to the United States. They had \$22 all told.

CRERAR SEES WAR DANGER

OTTAWA—General Crerar, addressing a Canadian Legion meeting Saturday, said the outlook for possible hostilities in Europe was more serious today than in 1938.

In a reference to defence, he intimated that this was, or would be covered by the provisions of the Atlantic Pact.

J. Harry Black left by air today on a business trip to Vancouver. He plans to return Friday.

Hopes Rise That Death Toll In Toronto Fire Maybe Lower

TORONTO (CP)—Hope grew today that the feared death toll of the Noronic disaster might lighten, although there was nothing concrete to inspire the hope. It was just a buoyant thought that eased the task of searching for the dead.

As the hours passed from the time early Saturday morning when Toronto's officials felt "almost certain" that the death list would total more than 200, it seemed possible that the ghastly toll would not reach that figure.

Figures early today were little changed from those given a few hours after the Canada Steamship Lines cruise ship burned at its harbor pier within reach of all the modern fire-fighting apparatus of Canada's second largest city.

In the temporary morgue at the Canadian National Exhibition's horticultural building were 121 bodies of the 684 passengers and crew members. There were 479 known survivors. Eighty-four persons were unaccounted for.

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PEARSON MAY HEAD POLITICAL U.N. COMMITTEE

LAKE SUCCESS—The United Nations secretariat wants the most efficient diplomat available for chairman of its stormy political committee of the General Assembly—and it is rumored that Canada's Lester B. Pearson is the man for the job. Some say his nomination, which is being taken for granted, will set him up for Assembly president in 1950.

Brigadier Carlos P. Romulo of the Philippines, the last political committee head, is regarded as a sure bet for the presidency this year. Herbert V. Evatt of Australia presided at the last session.

HUNGARIAN ADMITS GUILT

BUDAPEST (CP)—Lieut. General Gyorgy Palffy, former chief inspector of the Hungarian Army, confessed in court today that he and his co-defendants had plotted to assassinate Hungary's top government officials last May.

He said the planned putsch failed because the government had arrested Laszlo Rak, former communist minister of foreign affairs. Rak admitted his guilt yesterday.

Palffy said the plot had Yugoslav assistance and that the plotters would have seized the country.

Eight defendants are charged with treason.

HUGE CACHE OF BAD MONEY TAKEN

GUELPH, Ont. (CP)—A cache of \$42,000 in counterfeit \$10 bills was seized early Sunday by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police and city police—the largest find since counterfeit money began circulating recently across Canada.

Police arrested Frank Cipolla, 32 and charged him with possession of counterfeit money. They said the bills generally were "excellent reproductions."

HAPPY CHANDLER GETS SUMMONS

NEW YORK (CP)—Baseball's commissioner A. B. Chandler, appeared in court today on a federal subpoena probing the business secrets of the national game. He was summoned for "examination on complaint" preliminary to the trial of Danny Gardella's \$200,000 suit against organized baseball.

authorities as survivors. Efforts are being made to track down these unknown survivors.

Plans for a memorial service, to which civic officials and clergymen from Rochester, Cleveland and Detroit will be invited, are being made.

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