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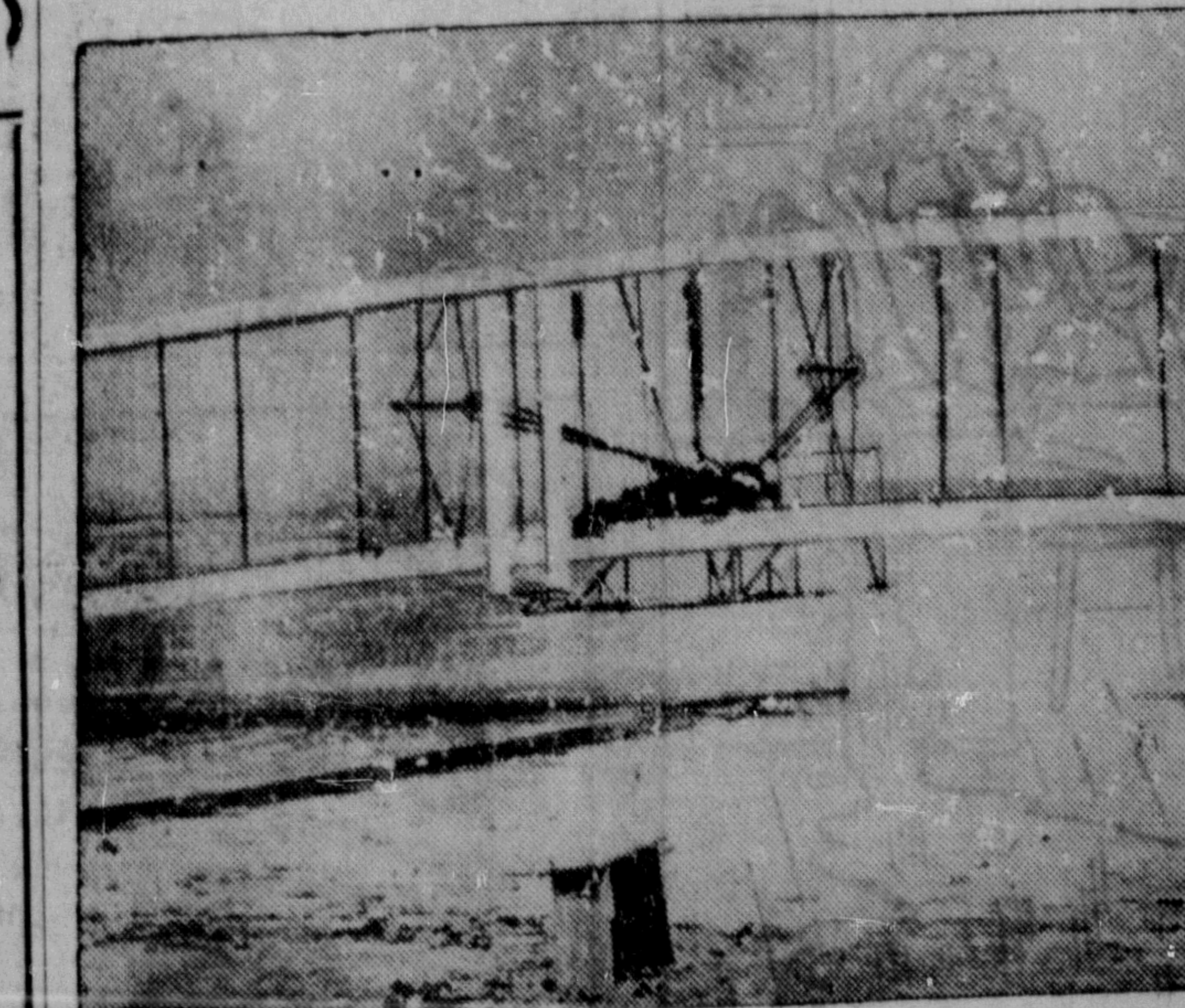
However, Rising Costs Make Future Uncertain
And Point to Need for Capital Revision

MONTREAL—“The year just closing has been one of almost constant tension in world affairs and 1951 bids fair to be a year of continuing anxiety,” says Donald Gordon, C.M.G., LL.D., chairman and president, Canadian National Railways, in a review for the year. “We cannot afford to relax in the hope that conditions will improve. It is a tragic thing that, after centuries of what we fondly call civilization, mankind should still be so immature that we scarcely know from one day to another when we shall again have to yield to what seems to be a recurrent desire to cut each other's throats. But we must face facts and, while we hope for the best and work for it through such organizations as the United Nations, we must prepare for the worst.

“The Canadian economy, like that of other countries in the western world, is being geared to the defence program. In four years, expenditures have risen from \$195 millions to more than \$987 millions per annum and we know that the end is not in sight. As some types of controls are revived and we hear warnings of the need for increased taxation, the Canadian people are realizing that we are moving into something like an emergency atmosphere. Our defence preparations cannot be paid out of ordinary income. Extraordinary provision must be made for extraordinary expenditure. Heavy contributions will be demanded of all of us and these contributions the Canadian people should make gladly, knowing as they have always known, that no price is too great to pay for freedom.

BETTER POSITION
“Canada is in a much better position than it was in 1939. Our productivity is enormously increased. Industrialization of a country not so many years ago recognized chiefly as a primary producer has gone on apace. Financially sound, matured industrially, technically and politically, we are able to pull our weight as a free nation with the responsibilities of freedom. As a North American nation, we are closely interlocked with the United States in the strategy and facilities of hemispheric defence.

“We were not in this strong position in 1939. In many fields we were underdeveloped and inexperienced. We had to be bold, we had to experiment and proceed by trial and error. Sometimes taking unprecedented steps, we improvised or created the machinery which enabled Canada to make its tremendous contribution to the destruction of the enemies of democracy. We have been through all that. We have that experience and should be able to profit by it.



KITTY HAWK—First successful powered aircraft was that of the Wright Brothers, Wilbur and Orville. Their biplane is shown in this Wide World photo rising from the end of the take-off ramp at Kitty Hawk, O., Dec. 17, 1903, on a 260-yard flight that lasted 59 seconds. Working from first principles, their initial experiments were with gliders; they later added a gasoline engine. The pilot can be seen prone on the lower mainplane. (CP PHOTO)



YULETIDE SPIRIT—These two men often are at odds on many issues, but have joined forces in a campaign to raise funds for Christmas baskets for needy Windsor, Ont., families. Roy England, left, president of the Ford local of the U.A.W., and Rhys M. Sale, president of Ford of Canada, peddle Christmas editions of the Goodfellow Club newspaper outside the Ford factory. The service club is sponsoring the campaign. (CP PHOTO)

Blackwood On Bridge

By Easley Blackwood

Sometimes Mr. Meek's cautious ways work out mighty well. Most players would have put in an overcall of one heart with the South cards in this deal. Had this been done I don't believe Mr. Dale would have stuck so tenaciously to his no-trump bids and he and his partner would have been much more likely to end up in a game contract at clubs.

East dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.

wheat covered by the 1949-50 contract. There were increased loadings in coal, forest products, woodpulp, paper and mine products. Substantially higher loadings of crude oil and fuel oil reflected the importance of new oil wells under development in Western Canada.

PASSENGERS LESS
Through improved equipment and service, efforts are made to stimulate passenger travel, but for some years past the railways have had to accept a decline in this traffic. As compared with 1949, Canadian National passenger earnings in 1950 will show a decrease of approximately 10 per cent. This is attributable not only to the levelling off of passenger traffic, but to the curtailment of service for two months at the beginning of the year owing to a fuel shortage, to the work stoppage in August and to the Manitoba flood. While it was of substantial proportions, tourist and convention traffic declined and immigration from Europe fell off.

Hotel revenues declined slightly. Gross revenues for the Canadian National Telegraphs again reached all-time high levels, with private leased wires, radio program facilities, stock quotation service and domestic message traffic at record peaks. Express business was heavy, although earnings reflect the effects of the interruptions to train service. Earnings of the Canadian National (West Indies) Steamships were reduced owing to the tightening of import restrictions in the West Indies and reduced rates on flour and sugar; passenger revenues increased by about 10 per cent.

Wedded At Kitwanga

KITWANGA.—A lovely wedding of much interest took place recently in St. Paul's Church in Kitwanga when Miss Staphca May Wintoniak, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Wintoniak, became the bride of Joseph Bush of Prince George, Rev. J. Hayhurst officiating.

The bride looked charming as she entered the church on the arm of her father, by whom she was given in marriage. Her floor length white satin gown was cut on princess lines and the embroidered veil cascaded from her halo of orange blossoms to the floor. Her only jewelry was a three-strand string of pearls. She carried a bouquet of red roses.

The maid of honor, Miss Victoria Kryklywij, was gowned in a beautiful pink brocaded taffeta with matching headdress and gloves and carried a bouquet of red roses and white carnations. The bridesmaid, Miss Olga Stashniak, niece of the bride, wore a floor length gown of pale blue salet and net with matching calot and gloves. She carried a bouquet of red roses and white carnations.

The groomsmen were Costo

Likes Designing Ballet Costumes

WINNIPEG @.—For 25 years Mrs. Pauline Boutal has resigned sets and costumes for Le Cercle Moliere, a Winnipeg Theatre group. Now she has taken on the task of designing children's ballet costumes for a special presentation of the Winnipeg ballet.

The request to design sets and costumes for “The Rose and the Ring” gave Mme. Boutal “one of the greatest joys I have had in my career,” she said. She explained her methods.

“I read several times the play or the story before starting a few little quick sketches about two inches high. Then when I think these little people are beginning to look real in my imagination—then is the time to draw and paint them, with their expressions and their attitudes.

Marriage Trends In West Germany

FRANKFURT (Reuters)—Despite a large surplus of women in West Germany today, more men than women appear to be seeking marriage.

This reversal of a trend which developed in the immediate post-war years is demonstrated in “marriage bureau” appeals in West German newspapers.

Official figures show that the disparity between the sexes has narrowed. In 1946 there were 122 women to 100 men. Now there's 113 women to 100 men, and the women are getting more “choosy.”

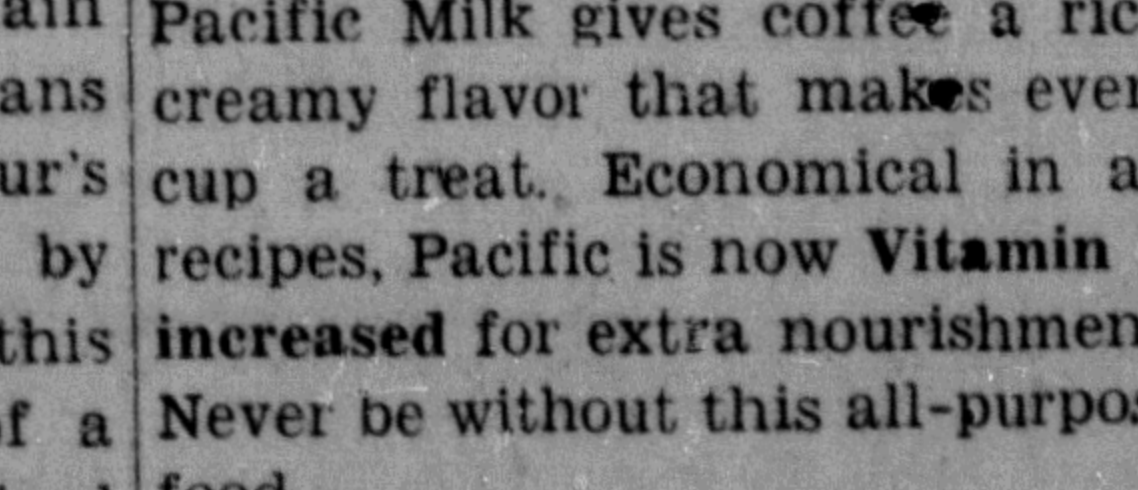
The age of men advertising for a wife ranges up to 70. Nearly every applicant describes himself as good-looking and seeking a good-looking young woman as a “life comrade.” The word “Frau,” meaning wife, is seldom used.

Many women and girls complain that man want to marry only for material gain and that they have a superiority complex due to the surplus of women. Men answer this by saying that unless they discover whether a woman has some means they will probably be “caught.”

Women for their part seek men with “serious intentions” and in “good positions.” Many are widows with children.

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Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the community hall. The guests were received by the bride's mother wearing a wine dress with green accessories.

A three-tiered wedding cake made and served by Mrs. J. K. Iversen centred the bride's table. Other servers were Mrs. Alice Dall, Mrs. Violet Elsworth and Mrs. Dorothy Dutton. The evening was given over to dancing.

The happy couple left last



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