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Thursday, August 4, 1927

IS U. S. SLOWING UP?

For the past nine years the United States, so far as investments and industries were concerned, has led the world. There is no denial of this fact. During the same period a good many thousands of Canadians have crossed the border and have settled in the United States, many of them taking out their naturalization papers in the thought that these good times were to continue indefinitely. As is well known, good times continue only so long as money is "free", and so long as industry can expand by the floating of loans and other means known to the financial experts.

The Chronicle has long maintained that conservative Canada would eventually come into her own. This country has never enjoyed the "good" times characteristic of our neighbor to the south, but neither has she been in the throes of the "bad" periods which that country runs into with almost clocklike regularity.

It has been freely predicted that the extra good times prevalent in the United States could not last longer than 1930, and from some of the information now coming to light it would appear even before that. During the past eight or ten years the United States has been going ahead faster than she could accommodate herself to the changed conditions. She made a pile of money during the war when other countries were pouring their surplus gold into the pool in an endeavor to beat Germany. With the war over the United States became the world's richest nation.

Her rapid rise in the world of production was miraculous, and while other nations were standing still she was forging ahead at a furious pace. It was, apparently, the pace that kills, and there is a peculiar significance in the following editorial from a well-known United States financial editor and first published in the issue of July 30. He says, and with a good deal of authority:

"Although on the surface everything appears healthy, Wall Street is getting pretty sick. Indigestion, or rather indigestion, is the cause—undigested securities. During the first part of the year a record amount of new issues—nearly five billion dollars worth—has been offered for public subscription. For the past few years the public has been robbing up these issues, without much inquiry as to what was standing back of them. Evidently Wall Street thought there was no limit to the assimilation. But it appears that investment firms are now holding the bag to the tune of nearly a billion dollars. The public, either has bitten off all it can chew, or, having tried some of the stuff ladled out to it refused to bite any more. Whatever the cause, it is a fact that underwriting syndicates have instructed participating firms—the fellows who sell the stuff—to put on more pressure and quicken the market. Therefore, it looks like we are in for a period of high-pressure salesmanship. Somebody is going to get burnt along the line—the underwriters, the participating firms or the public. If the latter continues to bite, all will be well and the goose will be hanging high along Wall Street; if they refuse to jump at the bait—and the trend of the times seems to lean that way—there is going to be a lot of dead timber on the dealers' shelves. Broker's loans are now at the peak. If they should be called, while the underwriters are holding the bag, there is likely to be considerable wailing and gnashing of teeth along the cavern of the Street and a resultant decrease in the number of optimists who underwrite securities and expect to pass them along to the public at a profit."

AN INCREASED TAX

The announcement from Toronto that next year will probably see an increase in the tax on gasoline has caused considerable comment. Some see nothing wrong in it, while others are openly not in favor of contributing further to the cost of motoring. Even the announcement that the cost of car markers is to be lower is forgotten, the objectors seeing only the extra cost in the price of gasoline.

Personally, we can see nothing wrong with the new idea. We can even go further and say that we could see nothing wrong were the government to issue the car markers at a nominal cost and at the same time boost the gasoline tax to a considerably higher figure than it is at present.

One thing is certain. With cheaper car markers and a higher tax on gasoline the motorist who used the roads, most would pay most

toward their upkeep. Which is but fair.

The big objection comes from the truck owners and the bus corporations. This is but natural, but when it is considered that one heavily loaded truck, or the big commercial buses, can do more harm to the highways than a dozen passenger cars especially in the spring and fall when the roads are soft, there seems little left in their argument. Trucks and buses, too, are serious competitors of our railroads during the summer months, and it is quite possible that in a few years they may be the means, especially in the case of the C.N.R., of increasing the nation's taxes in order that the railways may be kept running. Quite independent of the railways in the summer for the transportation of small freight, we must still rely on them when the highways are blocked with snow in winter. When it is considered that without the improved highways such vehicles would be practically useless it is little enough to expect that they should contribute a large share toward their upkeep, not now taken care of even with license and high cost of markers.

THE LACROSSE REVIVAL

It is gratifying to those of us who are interested in the great game of lacrosse, to note that this summer it has apparently taken a new lease of life. Not that it has really "come back", for a perusal of our daily press for the reports of games shows that they are lamentably few, compared with ten or fifteen years ago.

Commenting on the attempt to revive lacrosse in Canada, the Saskatoon Phoenix blames rough playing for its decline. The Phoenix is partly right, but it does not go far enough. While rough play may have had something to do with it we do not think it was wholly responsible. To begin with we might ask who was responsible for the rough play?

As a general thing it is the spectators themselves—the irresponsible spectators, the rowdies of the home town who crowd themselves into the front row among the spectators and call on their team to "get him", and in other ways egg the players on to do something that is an infringement of the rules. Less than a week ago we heard a spectator at Hanover at the Hanover-Durham midget game, urging members of his team to "give him the butt-end." This statement is not to be applied generally, either. We can give the name of the spectator, and for his benefit we might tell him that a crowd of his own townsmen did not hesitate to express their disapproval of such conduct from a young man who was old enough to know better.

Hanover is not the only town that has this type of lacrosse fan, either, though we can say that a determined effort has been made with considerable success to eliminate this kind of stuff from the local field. Decent people do not like it, stand for it for a time, then stop attending lacrosse matches, thereby cutting down the receipts until the game dies a hard but perfectly natural death.

Another thing that has helped kill lacrosse is the apathetic stand taken by our governing lacrosse bodies regarding professionalism in the game. Surely these executives, men of good common sense in other lines, do not wish to insinuate that they do not know that any team that comes out on the top of the heap in almost any series, is more than fifty per cent professional! If they think everything is on the square, they are the only ones, for almost any fan nowadays knows that men do not roam around from town to town playing lacrosse without something more than mere thanks for doing so.

Another thing that has killed lacrosse is because we do not play lacrosse for the love of the game. Any fan who loves the game can get a real enjoyment out of a good contest even if his home town team does lose. True, the smile is not so broad as if they had won, but a true lover of the sport can bow to the inevitable, acknowledge defeat gracefully, and shake the victor by the hand. Lacrosse teams today are not got together to play lacrosse for the love of the game. They are put in the field to win games. They must win games to draw a crowd, and in this the spectators are guilty as the players. A real lacrosse fan will turn out to see the game even if he is reasonably sure his team is going to be beaten. A true lover of the sport is not so much concerned with who wins as with the quality of the game he is to see. We have all lost the idea. We have forgotten that it takes a better sport to lose gracefully than it does to win. The fellow who throws his hat the highest when the home team scores the winning goal is probably the fellow who wants to kill the referee or mob the visiting team when the home team loses. This my not read well, and may be vociferously disputed, but isn't it the truth?

OLD BOYS' REUNION

Is there any chance that Durham may stage an Old Boys' and Girls' Re-union in 1928? This was the question put to us yesterday by one of our leading citizens. Frankly, we do not know. This will depend upon the enthusiasm with which the proposition put forth for its success. We would like to see an Old Boys' and Re-union held here, and would lend it any assistance possible, but it will require more than acquiescence to put it across with any degree of success. We understand that a meeting is to be called soon to discuss the matter, as if a re-union is decided upon it will require several months' work to get in touch with the numbers of old Durham resi-



THE RASH JUGGLER
The bomb which Sir Austen Chamberlain, British Foreign Secretary, is juggling with, represents "The Breach with the Soviet," the kettle "Chinese Policy", and the revolver, "The Conflict with Egypt."
—Lzestia, Moscow.

dents who are now scattered all over the world, but who would welcome an opportunity of this kind to come back to the old town and spend a week amongst the old friends.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. Lloyd McClocklin, of Toronto, spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. McClocklin in town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Splan and three children of Kincardine were visitors at Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Davey's of Bentinck, and at J. L. Steadman's for Civic Holiday.

Rev. and Mrs. R. Herbert of Preston visited the latter's sisters, the Misses Hughes, and Mrs. E. Kress, last Friday and Saturday.

Miss Alma Hughes is spending her vacation in Kincardine with her sister, Rev. and Mrs. Farr.

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Grant and family spent from Saturday to Monday visiting in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Campbell and son of Buffalo, Mrs. Charles McArthur of Niagara Falls, Mr. and Mrs. George Ries, two sons and daughters of North Toronto and Mrs. Schaefer of Hanover, visited recently with Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McArthur in Glenelg, and with other friends in the vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Williams of Saint Ste. Marie, visited last week with friends in this locality.

Mrs. J. M. Latimer, of Toronto, spent from Friday night to Tuesday afternoon the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. McFarlane and also called on other old friends while in town. Mr. Latimer is now the proprietor of a prosperous fruit store and grocery on the Kingston Road, Toronto, and we are pleased to learn that he is doing well and getting a fair share of the business of his section.

Mr. W. Burgess and Mr. R. Burns of Sarnia, visited for a couple of days with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Graham. They returned last week and were accompanied by Miss Adeline Graham, who will visit there for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Kinnee returned some days ago from a two weeks' visit on the Bear Peninsula at Lion's Head, and with the latter's brother, Mr. C. A. Hutton, at Silver Water, Manitoulin Island. They report a very pleasant time and enjoyed their fortnight's visit to the full.

Mrs. Donald MacGillivray and daughter, Miss Nellie MacGillivray, of Paisley, are visiting the former's aunt, Mrs. Mary Hill, and with Mr. William Hill of town and Mrs. Colin McArthur in Glenelg.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Joseph of Toronto spent over the week-end with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hay.

Mrs. Hay of Dromore is spending a week with her son, Mr. P. Hay in upper town.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McLellan visited for a couple of days with the Finney family with Miss MacKenzie.

Miss Jessie Twamley is this week visiting friends in St. Catharines.

Miss Etta Twamley, stenographer of the Royal Bank, here, returned to duty Tuesday, following a two week's vacation with friends in Ottawa and Bobcaygean.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Boyce, Crawford, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Twamley, Sunday.

Mr. T. Meen of Toronto spent over the week-end the guest of Mrs. McCannell on Lambton street, and sang a pleasing solo in the Presbyterian church on Sunday evening.

Mr. George Arrowsmith of Sarnia, Mich., is visiting with his mother, here, for a few days.

Mr. John Heddie, Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Heddie and little son, all of Hamilton visited with Miss MacKenzie and other friends over the holiday.

Mr. Ed. Allan of the Mail and Empire sporting staff, Toronto, spent Wednesday in town. He returned last night leaving his two sons to spend the balance of their vacation with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Allan.

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GREY DEANERY HELD ANNUAL PICNIC

Two Hundred and Fifty Anglicans From All Over County Gathered at Eugenia Hydro Park Last Week in Annual Outing.

The annual county picnic for the Deanery of Grey, which was held on Wednesday afternoon of last week at Hydro Park, Eugenia, proved to be a most enjoyable and pleasant affair. There were in the neighborhood of two hundred and fifty people present during the afternoon and evening from all sections of the Deanery, and the outing, which has been an annual event for the past six years proved to be the means of the parishioners from the various sections getting together for social purposes. It was a basket picnic, and although it is an exceptionally busy time among the farmers just at present, all attended who could.

During the course of the afternoon sports of all kinds were indulged in, the chief attraction being the softball game between the Clergy and the Laymen, which was very amusing, and which resulted in a win for the Laymen by a score of 20 to 12. This was followed by races for the children, and also for the older folks, everybody joining in to make the picnic a real enjoyable time, and with great success.

At 5 o'clock the ladies announced that supper was ready, and it was apparent at once that all hands were also ready for supper. Needless to say that ample justice was done to the good things provided. After supper Rev. Canon Armstrong, rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto, spoke at some length from the pavilion. He dealt principally with the traditions of the Church of England, going back into history and tracing her progress in a most interesting manner, referring to the loyalty of the Clergy and of the people as a whole. His address was not only interesting, but it was also informative, and was listened to intently throughout.

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FALL FAIR DATES 1927

For the first time in a good many years The Chronicle publishes a partial list of the dates of Fall Fairs throughout this section of Ontario, as issued by the Ontario Department of Agriculture. At a time this was a regular column in our paper, but the dates were often wrong and caused so much confusion that we stopped the notice. During the past couple of years we have been asked frequently why we have discontinued the publishing of these dates, as the news is apparently of no interest to a good many of our readers, we give below a partial list issued by the Superintendent, Lockie Wilson.

We have no idea why these cannot be issued correctly from the Department, but it is a curious fact that they are not and although mistakes are not frequent, they usually enough of them to destroy confidence in the balance of the list. We publish this list because we are in no way responsible for its correctness. It is as we received it at this office and is the best of our knowledge, correct. Anyway, it is authentic.

- Ailsa Graig.....Sept. 22 at Alvinston.....Sept. 27 at Antigonish.....Sept. 29 at Arthur.....Sept. 30 at Atwood.....Sept. 20 at Aymer.....Sept. 13 at Aylton.....Sept. 30 at Briden.....Sept. 6 at Brussels.....Oct. 6 at Bayfield.....Sept. 27 at Beamsville.....Sept. 16 at Belmont.....Sept. 14 at Blephem.....Oct. 14 at Blyth.....Sept. 27 at Bollwell's Corners.....Sept. 20 at Burford.....Oct. 4 at Burlington.....Sept. 21 at Caledonia.....Oct. 6 at Cape Croker Reserve Sept. 13 at Chatham.....Sept. 13 at Chatsworth.....Oct. 13 at Chesley.....Sept. 29 at Clarksburg.....Sept. 29 at Collingwood.....Sept. 22 at Comber.....Sept. 13 at Courtland.....Oct. 9 at Delaware.....Oct. 9 at Dorchester.....Oct. 9 at Drayton.....Sept. 28 at Drumbo.....Sept. 27 at Dundalk.....Sept. 29 at Dunsannon.....Oct. 6 at Dunsville.....Aug. 28 at DURHAM.....Sept. 29 at Elmira.....Sept. 13 at Elmvale.....Oct. 13 at Embro.....Oct. 6 at Erin.....Oct. 6 at Essex.....Sept. 28 at Exeter.....Sept. 20 at Fergus.....Sept. 22 at Flesherton.....Sept. 22 at Florence.....Oct. 14 at Forest.....Sept. 24 at Fort Erie.....Oct. 7 at Galt.....Sept. 23 at Georgetown.....Sept. 23 at Glenora.....Oct. 5 at Goderich.....Sept. 8 at Gorrie.....Sept. 21 at Hanover.....Sept. 14 at Harrow.....Oct. 14 at Hepworth.....Sept. 13 at Highgate.....Oct. 7 at HOLSTEIN.....Sept. 27 at Hullett.....Sept. 29 at Ingersoll.....Sept. 29 at Jarvis.....Sept. 29 at Kirkton.....Oct. 4 at Lakeside.....Sept. 27 at Lambeth.....Sept. 13 at Leamington.....Oct. 3 at Lion's Head.....Oct. 5 at Listowel.....Sept. 26 at London.....Sept. 29 at Lucknow.....Sept. 29 at Markham.....Oct. 4 at Masford.....Sept. 14 at Melbourne.....Oct. 10 at Merlin.....Oct. 10 at Midway.....Sept. 20 at Milverton.....Sept. 29 at Mitchell.....Sept. 27 at Mount Brydges.....Oct. 6 at Mount Forest.....Sept. 21 at Muncney (United Indian).....Sept. 27 and Noustad.....Sept. 16 at New Hamburg.....Sept. 16 at Norwich.....Sept. 27 at Orshewken.....Sept. 28 at Orangeville.....Sept. 13 at Ottawa (Central Canada) Aug. 22 at Owen Sound.....Oct. 6 at Paisley.....Sept. 27 at Palmerston.....Oct. 6 at Paris.....Sept. 20 at Parkhill.....Sept. 19 at Petrolia.....Sept. 19 at Pinkerton.....Sept. 19 at Port Elgin.....Sept. 30 at Preeceville.....Oct. 6 at Rainham Centre.....Sept. 16 at Ridgeway.....Oct. 11 at Ripley.....Sept. 27 at Rockton.....Oct. 11 at Rodney.....Oct. 3 at St. Marys.....Oct. 6 at Sarnia.....Sept. 28 at Shelburne.....Sept. 29 at Shedden.....Sept. 16 at Simcoe.....Aug. 16 at Springfield.....Sept. 22 at Stratfordville.....Sept. 19 at Stratford.....Sept. 30 at Tara.....Oct. 4 at Tav