

Dives Under Ice To Repair Broken Mains

U. S. Production Cutbacks Reported

NEW YORK, April 10 — (AP) — A flurry of cutbacks in United States production developed today, reflecting buyer resistance and lack of orders.

One large producer has postponed a \$10,000,000 expansion program because of high labor costs. Treasury Secretary John Snyder painted a promising picture of the general economic situation in a speech at Chicago and he termed the current shift from a seller's to a buyer's market "both helpful and healthy."

"With the return to normal buyers' markets," he said, "I believe that we may look forward to one of the greatest periods of business development in our industry."

As he was speaking, there were a number of cutback announcements.

It wasn't wholly a story of mill closings and curtailed production, however. There were a few bits of good news — a shift being recalled or sales which slumped last summer and fall picking up a little.

General Electric said it will curtail production of its conventional type washing machine by approximately 50 per cent beginning Monday.

The move is necessary, the company says, because this type is not moving. In addition, G.E. says, many manufacturers of conventional washers are liquidating inventories and these machines are retailing at prices General Electric can't meet.

FIRST AIR MAIL

The first air mail letter, sent to Benjamin Franklin when he was living in France in 1785, was carried in a balloon across the English Channel.

EARLY CONSCRIPTS

Conscription is known to have existed in the form of a national militia in Anglo-Saxon England, but its first use in modern times was by Napoleon in 1798.

WINNIPEG, April 10 — (CP) — A young Selkirk, Man., diver has been working 22 feet under the ice of the Red River here, repairing sewer mains damaged in last spring's floods.

Here is his advice to anyone who may have ambitions for the job:

"Don't do it!" Here are diver Harold Little's reasons: It's cold (38 degrees in the water); uncomfortable (his suit has a slight leak) and hazardous (there's a danger his air intake valves may freeze).

Mr. Little is a diver for the federal government. He has spent some time groping around the bed of the river, repairing breaks in mains.

Holes have been cut in the 10-inch ice surface to allow him to get down to his work.

Pump Air By Hand

Diving under the ice, in the manner of Sir Hubert Wilkins, famed Arctic submarine explorer, may seem dangerous. But the greatest hazard occurs when the diver is on the surface.

Below the surface, with the temperature of the surrounding water 35 degrees, the diver's air supply comes freely. But on the surface the air valves on his helmet have to be heated to prevent them from freezing.

As a further precaution, air is pumped to Mr. Little by hand. Divers do not use electric air pumps because of the possibility of a power breakdown.

Being under water for two hours repairing the three 12-inch pipes on the river bed is no record for Mr. Little. He once stayed down five hours.

But then he is a chip off the old block. His father used to be a diver. He worked in and knew his way around Winnipeg's river beds pretty well. Mr. Little senior spent 20 years as a diver. Now his son has taken on the work.

The son termed the river bed "six feet of indescribable muck." Officials of the Greater Winnipeg Sanitary District say the repairs are necessary in part because of last year's great flood pressure on the pipes.

A relic of the floods has been found on the river bed — a tree 14 inches thick embedded in the pipes by the pressure of the flood waters.

IRISHTOWN W.I.

The members of Irishtown Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. A.H. Campbell on Tuesday evening, April 5th. The meeting opened in the usual manner, with the president, Mrs. E.W. Johnstone, in the chair. Fourteen members answered roll call, with "a play I have enjoyed" and one visitor was welcomed. Each member donated a cake or package of soap or soap flakes, and Mrs. Harold MacLeod and Mrs. George MacLeod offered to pack it for shipment to England. The teacher, Miss Crozier, requested that dustbins be procured for use on the school floor. Twenty two of the thirty seats, ordered for the school were reported to have arrived and have been installed.

The sick committee reported and the new sick committee appointed are Mrs. Ellis Proffitt, Mrs. Harold MacLeod and Mrs. Clayton Stavert. One member expressed her thanks for treat while ill and several paid rent for use of Institute freezer. A letter from the Maple Leaf Milling Company failed to arouse sufficient interest to take up the project offered.

Letters from the Red Cross and Social Welfare convenors were read and discussed. A fine donation of cotton from Eaton's was distributed among the members to be considered and left to be further discussed at the May meeting. A letter received by the Red Cross convenor, Mrs. David Campbell was read, acknowledging a parcel of clothing sent to the Save the Children Fund. The parcel was so gratefully accepted on behalf of Europe's underprivileged children, and clothing is so urgently needed that it was decided that anything suitable should be brought to future meetings, and when enough had been collected, another parcel would be sent.

An invitation from Mrs. Kenneth MacLeod for the May meeting was accepted. Several interesting contests were enjoyed and a delicious lunch was served by the committee in charge, Mrs. Halsey Proffitt, Mrs. James Evans, Mrs. E.W. Johnstone and Mrs. Borden Campbell. — Bur.

The first Atlantic cable to Canada was laid in 1868.

NERVE CENTRE

Pythagoras, Greek philosopher, was one of the first to discover that the head is the centre of consciousness.

Paris Stylist Takes Dim View of Curls

NEW YORK, April 10 — (CP) — Have you girls been under the impression that curls make you look younger? You couldn't be more wrong — in the opinion of Guillaume of Paris. The hair stylist today gave a preview of his newest coiffures which blast the common delusion that ringlets mean youth. His shears cut hair short, full and wavy—but no curls.

MARGATE W. M. S.

The April W.M.S. meeting was held at the home of Mrs. John Johnson on April 5th. Mrs. Wilbur Dennis presided, and the worship service was taken by Mrs. J. Johnson.

Roll call was answered by sixteen members. Minutes were read and approved. The books that had been ordered from the Book Rooms were taken by the members to read. Thank-offering envelopes were counted.

Mrs. Dennis took charge of the Study Book, with several members taking part. Mrs. Arthur Proffitt invited the members to her home for the

SPRING BROOK SCHOOL

Report for month of March: Grade IX—1, Alvin McLeod. Grade VII—1, William Pidgeon. Grade VI—1, Brian Savage; 2, Evelyn Pidgeon. Grade V—1, James Jollimore; 2, Phyllis McLeod; 3, Edwena McLeod. Grade IV—1, Barry Savage; 2, Joan Bernard. Grade III—1, Joyce Meek; 2, Garth Gillespie; 3, Charles Gillespie. Grade I (a)—1, Kenneth McLeod; 2, Laura Jollimore. Grade I (b)—1, Marilyn Faynter. Principal—Hazel C. Hughes.

HANSEN'S "MILL"

The typewriter was invented by a Dane, Malling Hansen.

CHEAP CANNONBALLS

Rounded stones were used as projectiles in early cannon.

May meeting. Silent prayer for our Missionary, and the benediction closed the meeting.

Lunch was served by the hostesses, assisted by Miss Selma Johnson and Mrs. Andrew Johnson.

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