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Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

The "Hike" Grows Popular

There is more than passing interest in the news that, on the recent holiday, 150 members of Lake Shore Young People's Societies hiked to a meeting place at Port Credit. A generation or so ago the roads and pathways about Toronto—and all other urban centres—were well trodden by pedestrians.

What better method of locomotion is there for the man who is not in a hurry?

Can it be that young people along the lake shore are catching this spirit of their forefathers, who walked all over this new country? In England the week-end "hike" is perhaps more popular than it ever was; and young Canadians cannot do better than follow this example — putting the best foot forward.—Toronto Globe.

Edison and Nickel

The Edisons have patented a claim in the Sudbury district which confirms what Edison himself told the present writer in 1906. He was at that time working on a storage battery which required large quantities of nickel. He said he had gone up and prospected in that country himself, and he drew an oval on a sheet of paper. This, he said, was the crater of an ancient volcano. In the southwest tract of the oval, he said, the Copper Cliff mines were situated. Then he indicated a point in the northeast portion of the oval and said: "There is where I found what I want."—Hamilton Herald.

An Austrian Warning

Perhaps Austria is where the term "taxoline" came from. At any rate, taxes on gasoline amounting to 24c a gallon plus other fees, have resulted in 16,500 Austrian automobile owners turning in their license plate in three months, says the Associated Press. This is a clear case of how the government can kill the goose that coughs up the sheckels, which should not be overlooked in this country.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Gigantic Project

The very frugal Dutch are now lifting up the bottom of the sea for agricultural extension. The dairy industry of Holland is a national asset. Six thousand men are at work on their great reclamation work of reclaiming submerged lands, which also have served to solve the Dutch unemployment problem this winter. However, another quarter of a century will have to pass and another $375,000,000 be spent before the work of the reclaiming the submerged land of the Zuider Zee can be completed.—Brandon Sun.

Commercial Education

The time has come when, more than ever, commerce should no longer be considered a simple game of chance. It is essential that commercial operations should be subjected to precise rules, so that results may be predicted with the least possible risk of error. In other words, commercial enterprise should be organized on the basis of a true science. Canada can with advantage systemize her commercial activities, seeking out the system which best suits her requirements. The co-operation of manufacturers and traders in the Dominion should be obtained in teaching in Canadian schools the commercial and industrial system which has been decided on. When other countries are organizing their commerce it is not for us to sit back with folded arms. Success is the reward offered for serious efforts to build up an army of specialists in commerce.—La Presse.

Value of Laughter

It is not recorded who first said "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men." But whoever it was, he might with equal accuracy have observed that a great deal of nonsense is relished at any time by most men. In business or pleasure, a laugh is as hungrily sought as anything else that may be on the program. The business of living is involved in so many hardships and worries that the most trivial nonsense helps to make life brighter and better. It has been said that a sense of humor is a saving grace; but no two people seem to have the same sense of humor. Perhaps the best is that which enables one to see enough of the funny side of the experiences of life; tragic as some of them are, to laugh his way through difficulties and to perceive the laughable side of the thing when fate drives him through the briar patches. — Moncton Transcript.

Future of Hockey

Hockey has built million dollar arenas in many cities, opened a new career for scores of ambitious young Canadians, and provided thrills for thousands of patrons on both sides of the international border. There is no reason to feel that this growth is merely of the mushroom variety; on the contrary, the game is firmly implanted in the affections of the public and will continue to prosper.—Peterborough Examiner.

Parents and Youth

Little is accomplished by the fierce scoldings for the transgressions of their offspring which it is the fashion, just now, to give the parent class. Parental discipline may be more lax than in some earlier generations, but, if modern youth can transfer responsibility for their faults and failings to their parents, why can not the modern parents plead that they are just as their parents taught them to be, or let them be, and so start a buck-passing sequence extending to the upbringing of Adam and Eve?

Possibly the loudly proclaimed grievances are to a considerable extent imaginary. Every now and then there sounds above the chorus of "something must be done about it" a voice or two that suggests the possibility that youth and the ways of youth are not particularly new phenomena—that modern youth is essentially the same as were the complaining elders of their own youth.—Kingston Whig-Standard.

THE EMPIRE

Progress in Britain

There is substantial reason for satisfaction in the continued improvement of the figures of unemployment. In February there was a fall of 46,000, in March of 80,000, and we now have the returns for April, which show a further decline of 78,000. The total has thus been brought below 2,700,000. A reduction of more than 200,000 in three months of such international uneasiness is far greater than we could have expected. We found employment last month for 9,534,000 people, 91,000 more than a year ago.—London Daily Telegraph.

New Detectives

What we badly need is a new type of detective and a new technique of crime detection to give a fillip to our jaded appetite for crime stories. Quite obviously the one person who can funnish it is Lord Trenchard. He is proposing to modernize the Force in several drastic ways, and among other things adumbrates a sort of Police Sandhurst. To the Institute of Scientific Crime Research, where the C.I.D. will take its post-graduate course, we shall look, if it ever materializes, for the new men and the new methods. "The criminal," says Lord Trenchard, "has become more skilful, more mobile and more scientific." In a word, he comes daily nearer to the fiction reader's beau-ideal of what a criminal ought to be.—London Evening News.

Tramways Banned

In Italy the Minister of Transport has sentenced the tramcar to death. He has done it in the approved manner of Fascist Governments—by depriving it of full rights of citizenship. Henceforth no tramcar may enter a scheduled zone in the heart of the chief Italian cities. It will languish for lack of support, and disappear as quickly as it chooses on the outskrts. Nobody here cares very much for the tramcar either. It is cumbersome to other traffic and costly in itself. It would have died long ago if it had not been constantly revived with fresh injections of public money from municipal rates. That money can no more be recovered now than money spent long ago in doctors' bills to save a hopeless patient.—London Daily Express.

Asylum in Britain

The likelihood that a certain number of men of distinction unable to live safely in Germany may seek a home in this country, as so many refugees from political persecution have done in the past, makes it necessary to scrutinize the Government's policy regarding the admission of aliens rather closely. Technically, it would be an abandonment of all the best traditions of this country if our doors were to be closed to the men of eminence whom Germany is expelling from her borders. Our gain in admitting them would be manifest and it would not be merely a moral gain.—London Spectator.

Choice of Goods

The purchaser has lost the habit of, and desire for, choice. I say that this mental and spiritual disease is more important than the merely mechanical fact of cheap production. Such a statement will sound fantastic in the ears of those who are accustomed, as all modern men are, to implied materialism. Yet here, as in every other department, it is the mind that governs and not the material conditions. It is notorious that in certain districts, in certain trades covering great numbers of people, choice is still exercised, and has a great effect. For instance, I would quote the demand for Cheshire cheese among the Lancashire operatives. They know what they want and they insist upon it; they will not accept, as will men in the south, a substitute or an inferior article.—Hilaire Belloc in The English Review.

THE UNITED STATES

Esthetic Crime

Judging from the many thefts of valuable paintings reported recently, the craft of burglary must be developing artistic taste. — Chicago Daily News.

Toronto Favors Bicycle Fad

Here we see a Toronto miss who has taken up the cycling craze with enthusiasm. One of the favorite bicycle routes is High Park Blvd. where this picture was taken.

Search City's Sewers for Radium Capsule

Albany, N.Y.—A capsule containing $10,000 worth of radium was sought last week in Albany's sewer system. The radium, property of Albany Hospital, was lost early this morning. A patient who was being treatd for cancer accidentally allowed it to be washed down a drain. Men equipped with electroscopes promptly began a search of the city sewer traps. The instruments readily detect the presence of radium.

League Announces Ban of Manchoukuo Players

Geneva.—The Manchoukuo Committee of the League of Nations decided that Manchoukuo tennis players should be barred from Davis Cup play if they tried to enter the competition, because Davis Cup drawings possessed official character.

Manchoukuo, now trying unsuccessfully to gain recognition as an independent state, formerly was Manchuria, a part of China.

However, the committee decided that it would be unable to prevent Manchoukuo athletes from entering the Olympic games in 1936 because the Olympics are privately organized.

Chose Poor Place To Hide Diamonds

Milwaukee.—Mrs. William Samuelson asked her husband, a grocer, to hide her $700 worth of diamonds some place where burglars would never find them.

Samuelson decided that the safest place he knew to put the diamonds was in an empty egg crate in his store.

Now the police are hunting for the jewels.

A commission company carted away all the empty egg crates at Samuelson's store, including the one with the diamonds in it. Company officials believed the crate had been turned over to a farmer.

French Flag Raised Over Pacific Island

Paris.—The Government has been advised that the French naval school ship Jeanne d'Arc has hoisted the French flag over Clipperton Island, in the Pacific Ocean, and fired a 21-gun salute.

France and Mexico have disputed ownership of Clipperton Island for many years. The King of Italy, acting as arbitrator, finally awarded the island to France. Last December, the Mexican Senate approved a resolution to purchase the island from France.

The lonely Pacific rock has been "rediscovered" by a half dozen nations over a period of several centuries. At one time the American flag was flown there.

Dicken's Descendant Weds

London, Eng.—Robin Dickens Bourchier, great-grandson of Charles Dickens, the novelist, and Miss Dorothy North of Brompton Oratory were maried at Brompton Oratory last week in the presence of 20 members of the Dickens family.

The bride and groom first met at a dance in Fulham town hall when she was in domestic service. She continued to work until three days before the wedding.

Among the presents was a set of Dickens' works.

Clear Policy Contract In Insurance Urged

New York.—The need for better-trained salesmen and buyers of insurance and the writing of contract forms so that they clearly and comprehensively cover each specific need are the fundamentals for satisfactory settlements of claims without controversy, according to Mr. M. B. Dalton, vice-president of the Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, in his address at the annual insurance conference of the American Management Association, here.

Declaring that now, as ever, "it is necessary that there be a spirit of mutual confidence between buyer and seller and that this confidence be based on the utmost good faith on both sides," Mr. Dalton held that "far too many insurance sellers have been interested too much in premium volume and far too many buyers have been interested too much in driving a sharp trade in a loss settlement."

"There appears to be too general a lack of appreciation on the part of buyers that, in the last analysis, the buyers as a group stand whatever losses are paid and that rates which are high can only be reduced by the prevention of loss."

French Budget Shows Deficit of Billions

Paris.—The Chamber of Deputies has passed the revised 1933 budget, showing a deficit of 4,344,000,000 francs. The budget now goes back to the Senate.

There is a deadlock between the Houses on two major aspects. The Senate voted a 5 per cent cut on government appropriations. The Chamber refused to accede to this. The Senate rejected a provision for a governmental oil monopoly, and the Chamber then voted the provision back into the bill.

The situation led to fears that passage of the budget might be delayed until next month.

Switzerland May Depart From Gold Standard

Geneva. — Switzerland may be forced to abandon the gold standard, competent advisers said Sunday.

The turn was indicated following a heated popular referendum during which the nation voted against a projected law reducing salaries of 60,000 federal employes 7½ per cent.

The measure was intended to overcome a heavy national deficit.

Austria's One Ship Arrives in London

London.—The S.S. Wein of 4000 tons claims the distinction of being the only ship afloat belonging to Austtric. It sails between Alexandria and London, carrying cotton seed, oil cake, and onions. The Austrian Legation here states that it knows of no other vessel owned by Austria, now in commission.

Four Whaling Ships Sail from Victoria

Victoria.—For the first time since 1930 four whaling vessels steamed out of Victoria harbor last week and headed for Rowe Harbor, Queen Charlotte Islands, where they will remain until the autumn.

U.S. President to Spend Holidays in Canada

The Dominion of Canada, for the second time in its history, is to be host to a President of the United States. Warren G. Harding, while President, and shortly before his death, crossed the international border to deliver an address in British Columbia. This year we expect to have as our guest President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who, it is said, will come next month to spend at least part of his vacation at his Summer home on Campobello Island, in Passamaquoddy Bay, New Brunswick. The U.S. President is thus establishing a precedent. For the first time the chief executive of the neighboring republic will be spending his summer holidays beyond the confines of his own country. Mr. Roosevelt will be adding another to the list of his history-making acts that have so far characterized his administration. When he crosses the border he will be the third occupant of the White House, during his presidency, to leave the United States. President Wilson, who, it will be remembered, attended the Peace Conference at the conclusion of the World War, and President Harding were the others unique in this respect. Both before and after he became President, the late Mr. W. H. Taft spent most of his summers at Murray Bay, on the St. Lawrence.—Toronto Mail & Empire.

Planes Carry News To Isolated Propectors

San Diego, Calif.—The interesting story of how two prospectors living in the mountains east of here 50 miles from the nearest railroad receive their paper daily, was told this week by pilots of the American Airways.

Each afternoon, Pilots Bart Cox and Co-Pilot M. L. Blackmore of the American Airways, are given an extra paper by one of the afternoon dailies here when they load the newspapers destined for distribution in the Imperial Valley.

"We don't know who the men are, but every day at about 6 o'clock we see them standing outside their cabin waiting for the paper," Mr. Cox said. "I bring the plane down within a few hundred feet of the ground, and Mr. Blackmore tosses the paper out to them. Then they scramble for it, and wave their thanks as we go on."

Lady Wilkins to Cook For Expeditionary Crew

Lady Wilkins, wife of Sir Hubert Wilkins, the explorer, is looking forward to a job as cook in her husband's proposed submarine expedition to the North Pole next year. She has already been "signed on."

Lady Wilkins, on her arrival at Southampton with her husband recently, said, "I am looking forward eagerly to the experience, for I am sure I shall love it. All my women friends think I am crazy, but with a crew of about ten men on board to feed I shall have enough to do."

Before her marriage in 1929, Lady Wilkins was Suzanne Bennett, an Australian actress.

Regina Citizens Battle Willow Leaf Beetles

Regina.—Armed with sprayers and arsenate, Regina citizens "mopped up" on hordes of Western Willow Leaf beetles which invaded the city. Millions of the little pests swarmed into the city and took possession of bushes and trees. Foliage disappeared as if by magic until householders opened their barrage.

New Bivalve Mousetrap Catches Mice in Pairs

Tacoma, Wash.—An oyster sprung the trap on two mice looking for a meal. Chris Rose, superintendent at an oyster company plant here, found the dead mice dangling from the clamped "lips" of a large Pacific oyster. The opened shell clamped down on the heads of the mice, apparently as they took their first nibble at the bivalve.

English University Honors Blind Composer

Leeds.—The Court of Leeds University has decided to confer the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters on Frederick Delius, the blind composer, a native of Bradford, England, now living in retirement near Paris. Mr. Delius, owing to ill-health, will be unable to travel to this country, and the degree will be conferred in his absence

Father of 16 Children Plows Up $7,061 Coins

Budda, In.—John W. Staggs, farmer, was ploughing for corn but what he ploughed up was $7,061 in old silver dimes, quarters, dollars and half-dollars, some dating back as far as 1918. He's the father of 16 children and the cash will come in handy.

New Hat Kills Her

Seattle.—Mrs. Ella Fuell, 85, an inmate at an old ladies' home, had a visitor who brought her a gift—a new hat.

Her eyes were bright with tears, and she was hardly able to speak her thanks.

A few hours later, she died of a heart attack, brought on by excitement.

Women of World To Hold Meeting At Stockholm

Proposals of World-Wide Interest to Be Made By International Council at Women's Summer Conference . .

Although the world economic crisis has prevented a number of women's international conferences from being held this year, a few outstanding events are nevertheless being carried through. Meetings of the Executive and Standing Committees of the International Council of Women, which has Lady Aberdeen as president, are to be held in Stockholm from June 26-July 6, and will also include a Rural Women's Conference, to which Countrywomen's Associations from all over the world are sending delegates.

Beauty Competitions

At the meetings of the I.C.W. Executive many interestng resolutions will be discussed. Dutch women intend to protest against the evil of beauty competitions for women and children. They will also propose an all-round investigation regarding women's and children's prisons, houses of detention, police stations and the way in which women and children who are charged with an offence or a crime are treated in the various countries.

Polish women will uge the holding of conferences on the life and customs of other countries in order to promote a better understanding between peoples. Norwegian, Danish and Swedish women will protest against the limitations of women's work, whether married or unmarried. The adoption of an International Auxiliary Language will be proposed by Danish women.

Honor to Lady Aberdeen

French women will propose the insertion of the name of the Marchioness of Aberdeen and Temair upon the Roll of Honor of Famous Women which was adopted at the last triennial conference at Vienna.

In addition to the business meetings there will be a ceremonial welcome meeting at the Grand Hotel, Stockholm, which will be graced by the presence of H.R.H. the Crown Princess of Sweden; a cinema evening, when choice Swedish films will be shown and a meeting on employment in relation to youth, when speakers from four countries will deal with a subject that touches upon one of the most serious and urgent problems of our time.

Open Door International

From July 24-28, at the Senate House, Prague, the Open Door International will plead for the economic emancipation of the woman worker in all civilized countries. The growing attack on the right of the woman, particularly the married woman, to earn her living as freely as others, will provide much interesting discussion at ths forthcoming Conference, in which Miss Chrystal Macmillan, the well-known Scottish feminist lawyer, is expected to play a leading part.

In its "Call" to the conference, the Open Door International reminds delegates of the various measures militating against women's right to work which have been recently passed in many countries—Australian legislation depriving 600 women teachers of their work; a German law which permits the State to dismiss its women employees on marriage; recent British measures by which women are being turned out of local Government employment, and are having their employment and sickness insurance rates cut down; American legislation which forbids night work to women; and attempts in a number of European countries to deprive married women of employment. This wide-spreading retrogression will be animatedly discussed at the Prague Conference.

Vessel Sets Record For Cruise to Coast

Ottawa. — Establishing something like a record in voyages of the preventive service of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the customs cruiser Adversus clipped 16 days off her trip from Halifax to Vancouver, according to headquarters of that corps here, Capt. J. W. Bonnar, master of the Adversus, reported to his chief last week.

The cruiser left Halifax on April 6, and arrived at Vancouver on May 12. Her schedule called for arrival at the Pacific Coast station on May 28.

The ship touched at Kingston, Jamaica, passed through the Panama Canal, and called at San Diego and San Francisco.

Canada Capturing U.K. Apple Market

Ottawa.—Canada in the first four months of 1933 has more than doubled her supply of apples to the United Kingdom market and has taken first place from the United States, according to a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. In the same period of 1932 Great Britain imported 1,394,769 hundredweight from the United States, 325,563 from Canada and 189,365 from Australia, whereas this year the supply from Canada has been 856,605 hundredweight, from the United States 736,446, and from Australia 262,132.