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Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

Ready For Anything

—"Married Man Found Guilty of Burglary." Well, once a fellow commits matrimony, there's no telling what he'll do.—Border Cities Star.

Praise From B.C.

Ontario has complete control over its own highways. It has proved this by action that is most commendable, in keeping its scenery sacred to the tourist. We read they are clean and well kept and the right of the people to the enjoyment of the road is recognized as including also the right to freedom from the indiscriminate and obnoxious use of advertising signs and billboards. In three years 10,000 objectionable and unauthorized advertising signs have been removed from the highways, says The Ottawa Journal.

We in British Columbia boast about our scenery. We have a right to, but what a much better right we would have if we only did what they do in Ontario. We could, too, only, it would seem, despite repeated promises of it, our ministers are too afraid of hurting feelings.—Vancouver Province.

Why Prices Climb

The early promise of a bounteous grain crop on the prairies has been somewhat blighted by widespread drouth and a serious visitation of grasshoppers in certain areas. It now seems apparent that the west this year will not harvest a very large crop. In fact, unless more propitious weather comes very soon, it appears likely that under an average crop will be produced.—Calgary Herald.

Britain Has Led World in Disarming

While the Disarmament Conference at Geneva hangs fire Canadians should not forget the length to which Great Britain has gone in reducing her weapons of defence. The Mother Country keeps no big standing army, and her air force is maintained at a much lower numerical strength than the French air force across the Channel. But it is when we come to consider what the United Kingdom has done in reducing its navy that we realize the length to which the Admiralty has gone in giving a pacific lead to the other nations. Great Britain has cut her naval defence to the bone despite the fact that she is the heart of a world-wide Empire and that her food supplies and very life depend upon open sea lanes to the ends of the earth. — Toronto Mail & Empire.

Depression's Back Broken

That the economic tide has turned, is now running steadily toward general improvement, has become abundantly clear. Since April 1 cash wheat prices have increased 25 cents a bushel, this in itself being a tremendous thing not merely for farmers, grain companies and the Government, but for the whole country. But it is not only wheat that shows improvement. Mr. Stevens, Minister of Trade and Commerce, speaks of "important expansion in industrial activity," is able to show "the greatest increase in employment reported in any month since June, 1930." During May the payrolls of 8,105 firms showed increases, the gain being larger than the usual seasonal advance recorded in the last twelve years. Such facts can't be ignored. When they are accompanied by greater bank clearings, increased car-loadings, better railway earnings, heavier retail sales and a rise in commodity prices, their story is clear. It is that the back of the depression has been broken; that confidence has returned; that Canada and the whole of this Continent are well on the road leading back to reasonable prosperity. —Ottawa Journal.

Learn to Swim

Swimming is the most universal accomplishment in sport. Moreover, it is an art that, once learned, is never forgotten. Those who learn thereby lay up a long store of future pleasures and ideal exercise and at the same time provide against one hazard at least that lies in the way of human life. Yet many have never attempted a stroke. Particularly the youngsters should become water-wise and able to take care of themselves when beyond their depth. Parents cannot have peace of mind while their children are within reach of deep water, unless they have been taught to swim. Since humanity will go near the water in spite of the dangers, the first way to lower the drowning rate is by making amphibians out of more human beings. — Kingston Whig-Standard.

Dominion Day Thought

Canada is still a young country. Her institutions are yet in the making. All her systems of life are not what they might be. Her economic system may be far from perfect. We would do well to hold it and correct its weakness, until we are certain we have something ready to work out which will function far better. We shall do well to maintain the ancient landmarks of constituted law and order, developing at the same time a deeper sense of justice, for if we are to have reverence for law, the laws must be just, and justice must be even-handed. Justice is a fundamental necessity to a sound and stable political state. When justice is perverted a nation decays. If our laws or institutions are unjust, there must be orderly and constructive ways of changing them. On the whole we have reason for gratitude in Canada as we think of our social and political institutions and the respect our citizens possess for law and order. —London Free Press.

THE EMPIRE

Case For the 40-Hour Week

The general reduction of industrial working hours to 40 per week is an eminently sensible proposal, based on hard economic facts. It is surely foolish to have two men working long hours and one man idle, instead of three men working shorter hours and enjoying more leisure. And, thanks to the technical improvements, this better distribution of work and leisure can be secured without any lowering of the standard of living.—The London Daily Herald.

Air-Minded India

The new service outlined in the Government of India's recent explanatory comminque promises to furnish India with a bold start towards the development of one of the best organized and most convenient air services in the world. It is calculated to give this country a network of internal air services and to provide speedy communication with other civilized nations east and west. This will be achieved mainly by the use of Indian capital; it will be worked as far as possible, and more and more as time goes on, by Indian personnel.—The Times of India.

An "Unofficial Conference"

The conference of the delegates of the nations, comprising the British Commonwealth, which Mr. N. W. Rowell of Canada has convened for next September in Toronto, is an extension of the Commonwealth idea, which is novel and interesting. A "purely unofficial conference," the delegates will not be men hampered by their position as members of the Government of their country. They will be free to express their views. There are, it is notorious, wide differences of opinion as to the future of the British Commonwealth. Even in the Dominions there are considerable sections of opinion which feel that their membership of the Empire constitutes a drag on their progress. If the Commonwealth is to cohere, grow stronger and prosper, those who hold this view should be steadily persuaded otherwise. — The Madras Hindu.

Slow-Moving China

China is changing slowly, and in her own way. There will be no magical new birth, no sudden awakening of a sense of unity and a public spirit of personal self-sacrifice, in place of the old clan and family spirit. But China is going forward in her own manner, incomprehensible to the West. She cannot be hurried, and the way is long. But in the end this great nation will win through to freedom and good order, to a prosperity as astonishing to her neighbors as she was in the days of Marco Polo to the few stray visitors from the disturbed and unhappy lands of the West.—Hong Kong Weekly Press.

The Hindu As Student

A splendid record of academic and other successes by Indian students at English Universities and Colleges is covered by the report on the work of the Education Department of the High Commissioner's Office in London for last year, which has just been published. Somewhat surprisingly the economic stress of the times has resulted in no decline in the total number of Indian students seeking advanced courses of study in England, and the number of admissions to educational institutions was slightly greater than in the previous year. The number of women students, too, continues the small but steady increase of the past few years, most of them seeking qualifications in Medicine and Education. The great measure of success won by students working in the superior faculties for senior degrees is indicated by the fact that 12 Indians qualified for the high professional medical distinctions of F.R.C.S. or M.R.C.P., England, four obtained the Doctorate of Science, and no less than 51 were awarded the degree of Ph.D. in various branches of learning and research.—The Calcutta Statesman.

34-Letter Name Offered For Rail Station in India

Madras.—The name of a new station on a branch railway in South India will be Adikalapuramcum- Veerapandiyanpatham if the suggestion of the authorities concerned is adopted.

Two villages, Adikalapuram and Veerapandiyanpatnam, are equi-distant from this station, so each claimed that its name should be used. One was taken and the station has been rigorously boycotted by the disappointed villagers ever since.

As a compromise a suggestion has been made that the names of both villages be given to the station.

"If a man wants to know what his real religion is, he should ask himself, 'What are the things which I would die rather than do'?"—Dean Inge.

Gale Sweeps Through Illinois

Roofs were blown in and windows blown out when a big wind visited Chicago and nearby towns. The damage runs into millions. Here's what happened to a gas station at Dundee, Ill.

British Nationality And Status of Aliens

To Provide That Woman Upon Marriage Shall Acquire Husband's Nationality and Avoid Becoming "Woman Without a Country"

London.—Recently the House of Lords gave second reading to a bill which provides that a woman on marrying shall acquire her husband's nationality, if her own national laws deprive her of her own nationality as a result.

The bill, the "British nationality and status of aliens' bill," also provides that naturalization of the husband during marriage shall not involve any change of nationality of the wife without her consent.

Lord Sankey, the Lord Chancellor, told the peers the main object of the bill was to safeguard women marrying citizens of the United States from losing their own nationality without acquiring that of the United States, and thus becoming a woman without a country.

The bill, he added, included provisions on which it was alone possible to secure agreement at the present time among many parts of the empire.

The House of Commons already has before it a bill, defeated six times previously, which would restore to British women a right they lost many years ago—that of retaining their own nationality, if they so decided, on marriage to a foreigner

Former Heavyweight Champion Marries Czech Actress

Berlin. — Max Schmeling, former heavyweight boxing champion of the world, and Miss Anny Ondra, screen and musical comedy actress, were married in a civil ceremony at the Charlottenburg City Hall here.

Their honeymoon was spent at Heiligandamm. A religious celebration of the marriage was conducted later at Saarow, where Schmeilng resides.

Max, at the wheel of his own car, was cheered by a large crowd at the City Hall. He wore a blue sack suit. His bride was clad in a rose colored dress.

The bridegroom's trainer, Max Machon, was the best man.

Schmeling returned to Germany June 14, after losing a fight to Max Baer.

Greenhorns are Warned To Leave Canoes Alone

Comments the Toronto Mail and Empire—"The arrival of Leo Lalonde, a Northern Ontario trapper and fisherman, at Port Colborne in a birch bark canoe, shows how serviceable this craft is when properly handled. Setting out from Deux Rivieres, he travelled down the Ottawa River, through the Rideau Canal, up Lake Ontario to the Niagara River. A portage took him around the Falls, and he proceeded by Lake Erie to Port Colborne. He intends to follow the Canadian shores of the Great Lakes to Duluth. But Lalonde has been accustomed to a canoe all his life. Let no greenhorn try to emulate him

"Mr. H. B. Dawson, of Port Arthur, writes to the News-Chronicle in defence of the canoe. 'To my notion,' he says, 'the canoe is the safest of all small craft when properly handled. You give sage advice when you tell the novice to kneel on the bottom of the canoe. If this is always done, there is little or no danger of upsetting, but to sit on the thwart or seat or even the deck, is surely inviting danger.' Mr. Dawson's authority for writing thus may be gathered from his own experiences. 'Personally, I have sailed a canoe over thunder Bay and have paddled it when launches found difficulty in navigating and have never felt that I was in danger, nor have I at any time shipped any great quantity of water. The canoe is safe, just as an automobile is safe, if it is handled with care."

"The qualification 'when properly handled' in defence of a canoe applies equally to many other things. No one would think of driving an automobile on a crowded street without practice on a vacant lot or elsewhere. No one would enter a steeplechase before learning to ride a horse. Nor would anyone give a skating exhibition before learning to skate. The canoe is condemned because so many greenhorns imagine that all they have to do is to step into it. For their benefit we repeat the advice given by Mr. Blomfield: 'Don't look like a greenhorn paddling a canoe' by sitting on a thwart or seat.' '

A Rayleigh householder, returning from a week's holiday, found a live owl perched on his dining-room mantelpiece. The bird apparently entered by the chimney.

Ertzeg Luk, a peasant of Klutch, Bosnia, was knocked unconscious by a brick thrown in a brawl. When he recovered he walked fift miles to the nearest hospital, where the doctors found that his skull was severely fractured.

Italy-France To Sign Pact

Daladier to Visit Mussolini and Adjust Differences

Paris.—Premier Edouard Daladier will go to Rome to sign the four-power pact July 24 and to have a private talk with Premier Mussolini in order to lay the basis for a settlement of differences which have marred relations between France and Italy since the Great War.

As a result of the Italian Premier's pact in which Great Britain, Germany, France, and Italy will join for peace, France is ready to form a two-power club with Mussolini to show the Balkans how to keep out of war.

Allied with France are the Little Entente nations, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Roumania and Poland.

Italy has strong influence in Austria, Hungary and Bulgaria, and has established good relations with Germany.

Governmental officials say the probable course will be to set up a close economic system to unite commercially the three French friends of the Little Entente and Italy's so-called proteges, Austria and Hungary.

Canada's Part in War Is Now Being Written

Ottawa.—With the end of the war now nearly 15 years in the background, the part played in that conflict by Canada is now being officially written. Col. A. Fortescue Duguid, D.S.O., director of the historical section Department of National Defence, is engaged in the work of compiling the first volume of the war history.

While an advance copy of this initial book has been issued, it is understood to be devoted to mobilization and operations in 1914 and 1915.

The duty of writing Canada's official war history was given to the historical section 12 years ago. The gigantic task of assembling and co-ordinating many tons of documents and the drawing of hundreds of hundreds of maps has occupied the attention of the personnel of that department for some years past. Most of this work is completed.

It is expected that the first volume will be published within the next eight months.

City is 62 P.C. Illiterate

Libson.—An official survey of Setubal, center of Portugal's sardine trade, shows that 123,103 of the city's 197,996 inhabitants can neither read nor write, showing an illiteracy of more than 62 per cent.

Hundreds of people wait daily for treatment at Dr. Locke's clinic at Williamsburg, the mecca of thousands who claim miraculous cures and straightened limbs under the powerful, nimble hands of the doctor. Here is a typical scene any day of the week. Arrow shows where Dr. Locke is at work.

Air Tour Planned Through Maritimes

Goodwill Tour Set For Early in August—Toronto Fliers to Take Part

Toronto.—Toronto will be well represented in the first annual Maritime Goodwill Air Tour over a 3,000-mile route, during which the principal centres in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island will be visited during the latter part of August.

The formation flight of the Toronto Flying Club, which gained an enviable reputation during the last Trans Canada Aid Pageant, will participate in the tour. It is comprised of three planes to be flown by Arthur Flack the leader; Charles Le Fevre and Curtis C. Bogart.

Ontario participants in the tour which is for the purpose of inculcating the ease and safety of air travel in the minds of Maritime citizens will take off at the Toronto Flying Club airport on Sunday, Aug. 13. The tour will start from Montreal on the following day and from there will proceed to Quebec, Woodstock, Moncton, St. John, Amherst, Charlottetown, New Glasgow, Truro, Sydney, Halifa and Annapolis Royal. A new airport will be officially opened on arrival of the tour fleet at Annapolis Royal. The return flight will be via the same points.

At each point visited an invitation will be delivered to the mayor and citizens on behalf of Mayor Stewart to attend Toronto's centennial celebration net year. A number of Toronto fliers and others throughout the province will participate in the tour as a holiday trip.

Among those who will be flying on the tour are: Ernest C. French, Toronto Flying Club director, and Mrs. French; Sydney Cleverley, a director of the Toronto Flying Club; Sam Foley of Hamilton Flying Club, and George Ross of Ottawa, secretary of the Canadian Flying Clubs' Association. Keith Russell, past president of the Toronto Flying Club and president of the Canadian Flying Clubs' Association, and Mrs. Russell have also chartered a machine for the tour. George Bennett, noted parachute jumper, will also likely accompany the tour.

Refuses Undergo Agony Full Dress in Summer

London. — London's clubs buzzed recently over the exploit of the 62-year-old Duke of Marlborough, who appeared at a Grand Druids' banquet last evening clad in white linen trousers, a soft collar and shirt. In the course of a speech the Duke ninth holder of the historic title congratulated himself on his costume. He pointed out kindly that he noticed others present properly attired in evening dress were mopping themselves and undergoing the agony—in this heat wave—of hard and brutal collars.

British Air Lines Double the Number of Passengers

London.—Passenger traffic on British air lines increased more than 100 per cent. above that of 1931, publication of the 1932 report of the directorate of civil aviation in the Air Ministry showed.

The report noted an increase of almost 100 per cent. in passenger traffic on British cross-channel services, an increase considerably greater than that of foreign services flying the same route.

Fifty-nine per cent. of all cross channel passengers were flown on British aircraft in 1932, compared with 48 per cent. in 1931.

Debutantes at 1933 Ascot Pleased Conservative Eye

London.—The curious thing about Ascot this year was that not only the debutantes wore dresses reminiscent of the Edwardian era, but also their mothers and the old women chose full-length dresses of chiffon and georgette made on long graceful lines with softly feminine trimmings, says a woman society editor. As a result, they appeared more gracious and charming than they have for many a year.

It would be hard to disapprove of this season's debutantes, she thinks. They are very different from their predecessors of last year or the year before.

Winning Beauty Prizes Becoming a Habit of Student

Beauty prizes are getting to be a habit with Miss Mildred Cobb, Monroe student at Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge. She's won so many of them, they are "old stuff" by now

In the Monroe high school, she was 'Queen of Beauty." At a South Carolina junior college she was elected "Most Beautiful" two years in succession. She was recently named the "Ideal Girl" of the state university, and will represent the school in a national moving picture contest to be conducted by a magazine.

Miss Cobb is five feet four inches tall, weighs 110 pounds, has blue gray eyes and dark, curly hair.

Health is better than wealth, but the latter is always an interesting invalid.