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Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

To Encourage Marriages

To encourage marriages of poor couples the Fascist party in Italy is offering $80 each to 200 couples who cannot marry for lack of funds. True, this isn't a very munificent sum on which to start in double harness, but the grandparents of many of us have done it on less. — Ctratford Beacon-Herald.

For Single Men

Well-conducted camps appear to be the best way of meeting one phase of the unemployment problem. — Regina Leader-Post.

Things in the Papers

The extraordinary thing—which is almost the most ordinary thing in a newspaper's experience—is that it is the same sort of people who commonly want to get certain things into the paper who also want to keep certain other things out. The mark of the species is that the things they want to keep out are almost invariably news by the most honest and intelligent definition and the things they want to get in or not. In both instances they assume to be censors; in both instances they can never be persuaded—and very often they are quite decent citizens—that their censorship in the long run is an utterly futile and self-defeating thing.—Vancouver Province.

Great Britain's Improvement

Hardships don't kill people. Great Britain is healthier to-day than it has been for years and the death rate has decreased in districts hit hardest by the depression.—Lindsay Post.

Small Bills

One thing about the depression, it tends to reduce superstition. Not nearly so many people will still consider a two-dollar bill unlucky.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

A Great Shock

Chicago man died of a heart attack as he was parking his auto. Probably the shock of finding a parking space within four blocks of his destination.—Winnipeg Tribune.

Unmarked Victories

An impressive granite monument was recently erected at Fort Erie, Ont., to mark the earliest trading post and also the capture of two United States ships of war during the war of 1812. Ontario has numerous sites on which victories over invaders from the south are marked. New Brunswick also possesses them, but with the exception of Fort Cumberland or Beausejour, none is marked. Some six miles west of Fredericton on the site of what once was the Indian village of Aukpak, a rebel American force, under John Allen, was captured, and at Manawagonish, west of Saint John, a similar rebel defeat occurred. Neither is in any way marked.—Fredericton Gleaner.

Use For Small Spuds

Potatoes are not a good crop in this community. Half the crop is too small for table use. Farmers who have potatoes to sell would be helping themselves by grading them. One of these days, someone will bring in a carload from the Maritimes, and the grocers here will find trouble in selling their little or mixed stock. Half of the small potatoes is lost in peeling. The Irish people find little potatoes good food for little pigs, and their bacon is graded on the best bacon market in the world three points higher than the Canadian bacon which is made from hogs fattened on good corn, which is counted the best ration in the world for fattening hogs.—Port Rowan News.

Up to the Motoring Public

Just as long as the general public continues to smile at stories of excessive speed; to feel that traffic laws are for the other fellow, and that it is all right to break them as long as you don't get caught; to hold the opinion that any action, walking or driving, is permissible so long as one is able to get away with it; for just that period will motor vehicle accidents continue to be menace. When every driver and every pedestrian realizes that safety comes ahead of schedules, ahead of personal rights; that safety comes ahead of everything else, then we may expect a reduction in the waste of life, health, and property through accidents, to be brought about.—Ontario Motor Vehicles Branch.

In Middle Ages

We are told women used to paint their faces in the Middle Ages. They still paint their faces in the middle ages.—Ottawa Journal.

Thrifty

They must have a thrifty bunch of councillors in Pennbrook, Pennsylvania. Hitherto a curfew bell had been sounded there to clear the streets of children, but in order to save 15 cents a day the fire hall bell will now be used for the job. The final signal will be for lights out instead of fire out.—Brantford Expositor.

Help For the Potato-Grower

Two years ago, when the potato-growers of this Province were receiving as little as ten cents a barrel for their product, they were contributing their share to ensure the orderly marketing of wheat. If it is fair to support wheat even to the extent of the Dominion Government becoming a partner in the business, then it is equally fair that the potato-grower demand be favourably listened to. They are asking less than the wheat-growers are getting. With the example of the West so strikingly before us, in which millions of dollars have been risked to support the price of wheat, there should be no modesty in New Brunswick in demanding similar treatment for the potato-growers of this Province.—Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

THE EMPIRE

British Films to the Fore

When a Berlin butcher attends an American movie and beholds Greta Garbo as Mata Hari making love in gutteral English with a Swedish accent to an oily Latin impersonating a Russian officer, he suddenly remembers the League of Nations and the abomination of Versailles, hastens from the theatre and never is seen again. Foreign customers all over the world have been hastening for five years now, and the end is not yet in sight. . . . The sound revolution in America gave struggling European producers the breathing spell which they so sorely need. That they have taken full advantage of it is evidenced by the fact that of the five major world studios showing profits during the last year, three were in Europe—Ufa, Gaumont-British and British International. German pictures are gaining on the Continent in almost direct ratio to the decline of American prestige. British companies are making heavy inroads in the Colonies, the French have gained ground in Middle Europe, and the Russians, of course, have their market all to themselves. It is safe to say that within two years foreign films—notably British—will be offering spirited competition in Hollywood's back yard.—Mr. Dalton Trumbo, in The North American Review.

World Conference and British Commonwealth

The Conference served further to consolidate the British Commonwealth and likewise the sterling bloc. The sterling bloc is more favourably situated than when the Conference opened, for it is now definitely in a position to hold the balance of power between the old gold standard and the dollar. In other words, London is once more the centre of the world's commercial and monetary gravity.—Johannesburg Sunday Times.

Gold Standard and Sterling Bloc

Britain has been driven by the failure of the Conference to establish a so-called sterling bloc. Its object is to ensure at least a measure of monetary sanity and economic co-operation. Britain will make things as easy as she can for the gold countries, since for various reasons she wishes them to remain on gold. It is, however, doubtful whether Holland, Belgium and Switzerland, or even France, will be able to hold out indefinitely.—Cape Argus.

The Indian Cultivator

The thriftlessness of the average Indian cultivator is perhaps the most obstinate trait in his character standing in the way of individual as well as collective progress. For this reason, the adoption of better methods of cultivation, the purchase of new types of agricultural implements, improved and better cattle require a capital outlay generally beyond his capacity.—Bomba Times of India.

Empire Migration

A stimulating breath of the practical Imperial spirit comes from the manifesto of the Empire Trade League, which proposes overseas community settlement under chartered companies or other auspices, such "colonizing adventures" being regarded as a long-range plan for the future. Among the signatories are prominent men whose Empire-building doctrine is in sharp contrast with the present official policy of quotas, restriction of output and like measures which would end the migration of British people to British dominions, stop expansion, render it more and more difficult for the Dominions to pay their debts and make more or less static the Empire market for the manufactures of the Motherland.—Auckland Weekly News.

THE UNITED STATES

Refunding Britain's Debt

The British Government scruptulously observed the terms of its contract until last June. Even then it made a payment on account. It has maintained this record in the face of peculiarly difficult financial conditions. No official request for revision came until it was plain to all thinking people on both sides of the Atlantic that the original debt pact no longer rested on a fair basis. The honour which the British exhibited in keeping the letter of the contract long after it became evident that common justice required its revision should now be matched by equal honour on our part in giving them a fresh contract that will be equitable in the light of a greatly altered economic situation.—Providence Journal.

On Trial For Life

Wilhelmina Frieda Weltz, war nurse, arraigned in Santa Clara, Calif., on chrage of shooting to death a shipping magnate, and with whom J. J. Noble, Oshawa, Ont., war veteran, has offered in a letter to her to take her place on the gallows should she be convicted. "You saved my life twice in the war," Noble wrote to her.

Farmhouse Fires Being Investigated

Hamilton.—Authorities are pressing investigation into 11 fires of suspicious origin which were discovered in the frame farmhouse of John Prowse, Fiddler's Green, and were extinguished before they got beyond control.

First of the fires was discovered by 14-year-old Edwin Prowse, half-brother of the owner of the house. The blaze was emanating from a pile of oil-soaked rags in an unoccupied section of the building. The fire department was notified and the flames were soon extinguished.

As the fire engines turned to leave the house other fires were discovered in a part of the house used by Philip Vipond of Ancaster for the storage of furniture.

Fire continued to break out during the day and the fire engines were called back three times to the dwelling. Most of the blazes were found to be in bundles of oil rags.

N.B. Paper Company To Increase Wages

Saint John,—All employes of the Port Royal Pulp and Paper Company, Limited, will receive a salary increase of 10 per cent starting on October 15. "Steadily improved business conditions led us to make the decision of raising wages," an official of the company said.

The plant started out with a crew of 140 men last November and now employs 200 on three eight-hour shifts.

Shilling Bible Result Of Gift From Dominion

London.—The British and Foreign Bible Society has sold more than 1,000,000 copies of a shilling Bible first issued "owing to the generous gift of Canada in celebration of the society's 125th birthday."

The Bible is still the world's best seller. Last year 10,000,000 volumes in 667 languages were sold.

Rural Courier For Twenty Years

Alfred Thompson Retires After Long Service on No. One Route

Twenty years of service over the same rural mail route terminated with the retirement of the contractor for rural mail route No. 1, in the person of Alfred Thompson.

Mr. Thompson estimates that he has travelled approximately 125,000 miles in mail delivery alone in the score of years. Members of the post office staff took advantage of the occasion to present to the retiring member a handsome easy chair and illuminated address.

William B. Skinner, who resides on the 2nd Concession, of Blandford, succeeds Mr. Thompson as contractor.

Calgary Families Plan Co-operative Village

Calgary, Alta.—An experiment in establishing a co-operative community along the line of the small co-operative villages in Europe, will be tested out in Alberta.

Eleven families with 15 children are intending to form such a community provided the provincial government will grant them land for the purpose.

The Calgary City Council has agreed to supply to these unemployed families relief grants for a year. Their rent allowance which the city of Calgary has been paying will be applied to the purchase of lumber and building materials.

The fathers of the 11 families are experts in a number of trades including carpentry and poultry raising, and they will exchange their services in establishing the co-operative community. The wives will be just as active as their men folk in furthering the community plan and will help each other with dressmaking, light gardening, canning, pickling and other household accomplishments.

Britons Spending Much More Money

London.—The marked recovery in British business continues to be attested by reports from all quarters of commerce and industry. The statistics published by the Association of Retail Distributors show that retail sales for August increased in their total value for the first time since 1931. Sales of men's wear were up 11.7 per cent., hardware 11.6 and household piecegoods 3.8 per cent.

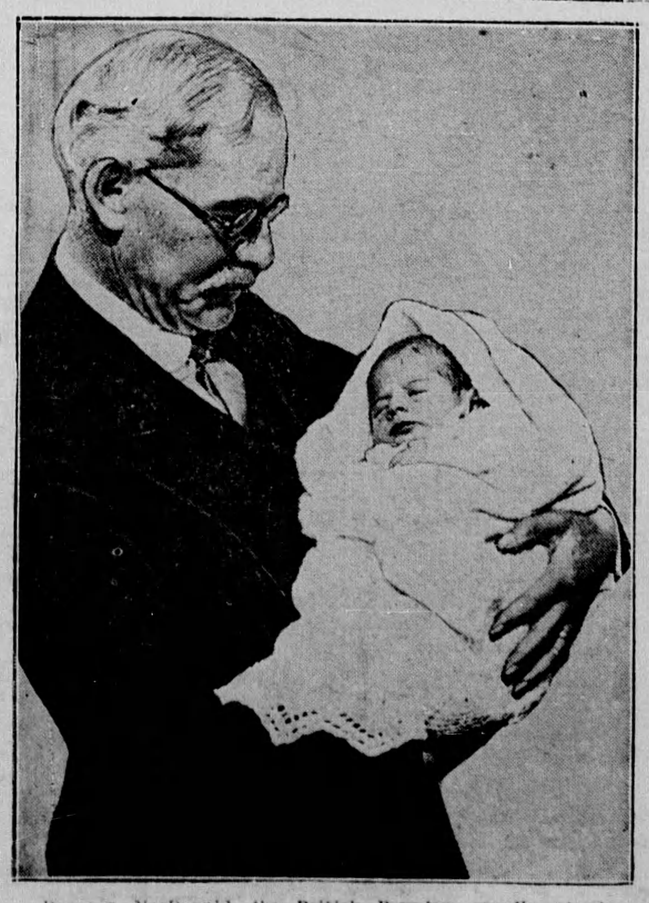
Commenting on these figures, the Financial Times says it is evident that there has been a decided upturn in the purchasing power of the people with increased railway traffic as an acceptable sign that money is being spent. For the last nine weeks the total revenues of the British railways have registered a gain of approximately $5,280,000 over the same period of 1932.

Eats Bear Meat With The Bear's Own Teeth

Los Angeles.—Here's one told by Ross Moulton, of Vancouver, B.C., here for the International Sour-Dough reunion.

"With two friends, Happy Jack and Bill the Horse, I set out from Circle City into the Yukon country. Jack broke his false teeth.

"Well, Sir, that same day Bill the Horse shot a bear. We skinned the bear and cemented its teeth into his plate with copper rivets. Then he helped eat bear meat with the bear's own teeth. So help me, it's true."



Ramsay MacDonald, the British Premier, proudly viewing his baby granddaughter, when he visited his daughter and son-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. Alastair Mackinnon, at Leeds, England. Premier MacDonald celebrates his 67th birthday on October 12th.

N.Y. Woman Nominated For Nobel Prize

New York.—Congratulations are pouring in upon Mrs. Donald Carr, or Blanche Shoemaker Wagstaff as she is known to admirers of her poetry, for the signal honor accorded her in her nomination for the Novel prize for literature by the Swedish critic, Victor Setterberg.

Mr. Setterberg first met Mrs. Carr upon a visit to the United States several years ago with a group of foreign golfers, when she was doing book reviews for a golf magazine. He became so interested in her work, particularly "Mortality," and the verses included in the volume published under that title, that he asked permission to translate it into Swedish upon his return to Europe, where it has had a wide circulation.

The poem "Mortality" is perhaps the best known of her work. The inspiration came to her suddenly and it was composed in six minutes. It came in for wide notice not long ago, when it was found after his execution among the belongings of a convict, to whom the credit of authorship was given until the error was discovered.

Canadian Girl Sees Queen at Close Range

Toronto.—"I wonder what one would do if one stepped on the Queen's foot."

That is the question still puzzling Jessica Jarvis Toronto aviatrix, recently returned from Europe. Although she didn't quite step on the toes of her Majesty, she narrowly missed them.

When paying a bill in a London book-shop the clerk said to Miss Jarvis: "Don't turn about immediately, the Queen is just behind you." "After a 'sweet' interval," Jessica Jarvis said, "I turned around and saw the Queen, looking at a book. After the first surprise nobody paid any more attention.

"I shopped around after looking at some things, turned suddenly to find the Queen was beside me and I had narrowly missed stepping on her toes."

Deputy Minister Made Indian Chief

Brantford.—Ontario's Deputy Minister of Agriculture, J. B. Fairbairn, is now "Chief Handsome River." That is the interpretation of the name — Ga Yoon He Yo—by which he will be known henceforth to the Six Nations Indians on the reserve here.

The honor of chieftainship was conferred on Mr. Fairbairn, F. P. Sandrell of St. Catharines, and Charles Byrd of Hamilton at the Six Nations Fair at Ohsweken. In the ancient ritualistic manner, Indians in war paint and feathers performed the war dances while the ceremonies were in progress.

The conferring of the chieftainships marked the closing day of the fair, which this year has attracted record numbers of visitors.

Beauty Hints Are Offered Men at Women's Exposition

New York.—The men got some beauty hints here at the exposition of Women's Arts and Industries.

"The Beauty a sensible person looks for in a man," Miss Florence E. Wall, Fellow of the American Institute of Chemists, said, "means good physical development, good health—and above all, radiant cleanliness."

Some things she recommended were: Good cleansing cream instead of water for the dry skin; a mild, low-alcohol tonic lotion for aftershaving; and finally a lightweight face powder in a natural shade—"not the marshmallow white or baby-doll pink."

"Correction of the oily condition is not an effeminate move," she said. "Rather is it true altruism. Use good skin soaps for daily cleansing—even tincture of green soap; alcoholic lotions for after shaving, and in severe cases a recognized astringent lotion."

"Good Colour" For Fruits

"Good Color" for fruits other than apples as laid down by the Fruit Act, means color, characteristic of variety when mature. For apples "good color" means, as defined by Circular 40 of the Fruit Branch, Dominion Department of Agriculture. In this circular, percentages of color are laid down for each grade of each variety of apple. For instance, McIntosh No. 1, 65 per cent.; Winesap, "Domestic," 25 per cent.; Gravenstein (red), 40 per cent.; and so on. These percentages of color refer to the area of the surface which must be covered with a clear shade of red, characteristic of the variety. That is, 25 per cent. means that one-quarter of the surface of each apple is covered with normal mature color.

Winters Up to 1937 Colder Say Engineers

Chicago. — Gas company engineers are out to back the Canadian trappers and other weather sages with a prediction that this coming Winter is going to be colder than last but not especially severe. Trappers predict by the fur on their foxes, or how thick muskrats build their houses, but gas engineers look at heating bills for the last 50 years ,and see what the trend is. And they predict on a big scale. Every Winter up to 1937, they announced, would be "generally colder."

Three Sisters In A Triple Wedding

Dressed Alike, They Act as Attendance for Each Other

Bridgeport, Conn.—Three sisters, Florence, Loretta and Jessie Whelan, recently became brides in a triple wedding at St. Charles Church.

The sisters, dressed identically and acting in turn as attendants for one another, were married to Victor Coburn of Bridgeport, Edward Wells of Great Barrington, Mass., and Joseph Gilmartin of Bridgeport. The triple ceremony was performed by the Rev. Joseph McCarthy.

The members of the bridal party left together from the home of John W. Whelan, father of the brides. When they reached the church, a crowd estimated at 1,500 persons had gathered.

Each carrying old-fashioned nosegays, the brides were dressed in frocks of white faille with matching veiled turbans, white pumps and white elbow-length gloves.

All three couples will make a wedding trip to Washington before returning to their homes.

Would-be Crook Loses His Nerve

Vancouver.—A would-be swindler's groundless panic lost him $5,000, according to a police report.

The man, whose name is not given, opened an account in a local bank by depositing a certified cheque for $18,000 drawn on a Calgary bank.

The next day he deposited a cheque for $412 drawn on a New Westminster bank, but came back about noon to withdraw $8,000. His cheque was initialed, but when the teller started to pay in small bills he asked for larger ones. The teller went to the safe and at that moment the bank doors were closed for the day.

The man, apparently thinking he was about to be detained, rushed for an exit and tugged so violently that a bolt was forced. He fled down Hastings street and is still being sought.

A cheque revealed the New Westminster cheque was counterfeit and police at Calgary have been asked to investigate the other.

Mouse in Bottle Causes Woman to Seek Damages

Chicago.—A mouse in the bottle is worth two in the cupboard to Mrs. Iva Gousha.

She found one deceased mouse in a bottle of pop, and alleged the following results:

A severe nervous shock.

A recuperative spell in a sanitarium.

A trip to Europe, during which she found it necessary to place her daughter in a private school.

All of which being expensive, Mrs Gousha fyled suit against the bottling company demanding 335,000 damages. Judge Joseph B. David suggested the company pay her $1,00. The bottlers said they had already offered $1,500, which she rejected.

The court gave opposing counsel until October 10 to agree.

First Lumberjacks Leave for Sudbury

Toronto.—The first contingent of lumberjacks to be sent from Toronto to the Northland in more than two years is now on the way to timber properties near Sudbury. The group numbers 25. They will be paid $26 to $28 a month and board.

The employment lists were closed 10 minutes after their opening, said J. F. Marsh, superintendent of the Federal Employment Service's Toronto office. He believed further orders would probably come in, as the available supply of workers around Sudbury had been employed already. At one time it was common to send 2,000 or 3,000 bush workers north from Toronto in a season.

Mr. Marsh reported increased demand for workers in other lines. He has just sent a crew of 30 to the celery fields around Brockville.

Father Is Witness of Son's Horrible Death

A despatch from Clarksburg, Ont., says: "While his father and two fellow workmen looked on horrified, Victor Marritt, 32, was killed instantly when he stumbled and fell on a circular saw which practically cut his body in two. The accident occurred at the Clendenan shingle mill where Marritt and his father were both employed. Victor was operating the saw when a cedar slab became jammed in the moveable frame. In attempting to dislodge the piece of wood he lost his balance and fell across the unguarded machine-operated saw.

B.C. Co-Eds Desire Real Education

Vancouver. — Miss M. L. Bollert, dean of women at the University of British Columbia, believes 90 per cent. of the co-eds go there for an education. She doesn't think their primary object is a pleasant social life.

Some of them are prepared to do housework, even such tasks as dish washing, in order to pay tuition expenses, she said.