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Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

Grade Crossings

Many years will go by before all our main highways and all our country roads have been freed from grade crossings Nevertheless we have reason to hope that these death-traps will disappear some day. And if this day ever dawns it will undoubtedly be the commencement of the millenium for the motorists. — La Tribune, Sherbrooke.

Want Amid Plenty

It is a terrible confession of the failure of the world's distribution system when corn is burned, coffee dumped into the ocean, cotton ploughed under and hogs massacred to create an artificial shortage of the very things which are required by many people who are destitute.—Niagara Falls Review.

Crop Destruction

John H. Simpson, president of the National Farmers' Union of the United States, says: "It is against the laws of God and nature to plow up cotton, destroy things that could be used for food ,and limit production." The London Advertiser endorses this view as being perfectly right. In a world in which countless millions are underfed, under-clothed and otherwise in want the curtailment of production should be an economic as well as a moral outrage.—Moose Jaw Evening Times.

Burning Coffee

Coffee worth $200,000,000 has been wilfully destroyed by Brazil since July, 1931. No less than 3,050,124,000 pounds have been burned or dumped into the ocean. In recent months the Brazilian Government has intensified its destruction of the coffee. There are some who would do that with Canada's wheat despite the fact that many people do not get all they want to eat. What a shame to witness such wilful waste of food in the twentieth century with all its vaunted civilizaion.—Border Cities Star.

Demands of Criminals

Prisoners in the Eastern Penitentiary, Philadelphia, demand a radio and the daily newspapers for each cell, and doubtless many kind-hearted persons will see nothing unreasonable in the request. They should remember, however, that there are many law-abiding persons who are presently without radios and who would like to be sure of some of the ordinary comforts which the confined criminals enjoy at the public expense The people on the outside should have first consideration.—Montreal Gazette.

Empire Timber

Reports from the lumbering districts in many parts of the Province hold out exceptionally encouraging prospects for employment in the woods this season. Beyond any doubt this new activity is resulting directly from the new Empire trade arrangements, the value of which could not well be overstated.—Halifax Herald.

Two Out of 150

The Graf Zeppelin is in Chicago. It is interesting to recall that with one exception, this dirigible is the sole survivor of scores of airships in the world after seventy-five years of research and experimentation in aircraft of this type. The other is the United States' Macon. Up to the present, one hundred and fifty of these airships have been built by various nations. Every one but the two already named have come to grief. Usually they have been wrecked with heavy loss of life. And they have mainly been lost in weather which to a ship at sea would not be difficult, but which to a huge gas-filled airship has proved catastrophic.—Ottawa Citizen.

Work in Algoma

The change in the employment situation is nothing less than startling, and it came out of a clear sky. New work in the bush, on roads and in the steel plant means that several thousand unemployed people have gone back to work, or are going shortly.

The improvement in conditions is coming about naturally. There has been no wood cut in the bush for two Winters. The increase in the use of newsprint added to the gradual using up of the wood on hand means activity in our lumber camps. The road work is now called for by the small amount previously done this year, and the steel plant activity takes on the look of something permanent.—Sault Ste. Marie Star.

Black Squirrels Increasing

As one walks through the woods at this time attention is drawn to the increasing number of black squirrels that are scurrying around the bush. A few years ago very few of these beautiful little animals could be seen, as their numbers were kept down by ruthless hunters. Boys and young men should refrain from testing their skill in marksmanship at these lovely animals with their jet black fur and huge bushy tails. It gives a lover of wild life a thrill to see them gradually increase in numbers and add to the beauty of the woods.—Arthur Enterprise-News.

Church Records

Many of the churches in this older part of Ontario have stories yet to be placed upon permanent record. In operation for decade after decade, they have been rallying-points for the districts in which they are situated, a point of contact for the entire region. Yet in numerous cases very little is now known of their origin. Vital records of marriages, births and deaths have been lost or destroyed to the respair of those who would now verify genealogical information.

It might not be at all a bad idea if each and every congregation established in this district appointed an individual or a committee of individuals to serve as archivists.—Brockville Recorder.

Newspaper Advertising

A speaker here the other night stressed the value of the local newspaper as a means of letting the public know what local merchants have for sale. Newspaper advertising still holds its own as the best known means of displaying merchandise before the public. Newspaper advertising can be seasonable, something obviously impossible with media issued less frequently.—Niagara Falls Review.

THE EMPIRE

The Modern Motor Car

The driver will have less excuse than ever for dangerous driving. The less attention a driver has to give to the mechanism of his vehicle, the more attention should he be able to pay to events on the road; and the more responsive his car is to breaking and acceleration, the easier should it be for him to maintain a wide margin between himself and the risk of accident. The modern motor car is a fine piece of work, a mechanical thoroughbred; if all motorists were worthy of their cars there would be very few accidents.—Leeds Yorkshire Post.

South African Airways

The figures compiled by Union Airways of their activities for the past four years form a very striking tribute to the management. The safety factor reaches 99.96 per cent., while the revenue earned in proportion to subsidy is 51.50 per cent., compared with the 48.33 per cent. of Imperial Afrways (also very good), and the 20.83 per cent. of French companies. The subsidy works out at 7d. (about fourteen cents) a mile, compared with the French 5s. 6d. (about $1.30). If these figures are correct, Union Airways must be the cheapest as well as one of the most efficient air lines in the world. In view of the success of the company, it is pretty obviously entitled, with the advent of better times, to an increased subsidy. Could not the Government, in return, require that its machines should be partly built in this country, thereby laying the foundation of what is bound to become in the future a "key industry"? —Cape Argus.

New Zealand Railways

Fof many months after comprehensive efforts to arrest the alarming decline in railway finance had begun—efforts which were increased in intensity after the board assumed full control—improved returns were almost wholly the result of reductions in expenditure, which more than compensated for the accompanying fall of revenue The value of these economies was inestimable, but they must necessarily have their limits. If, with expenses cut to the bone, retrogression had continued, to reduce services drastically or bear the losses were the only alternatives. Fortunately, better revenue returns are now coming to the rescue. If they can be maintained, the outlook for the railways will be much brighter than could possibly have been expected three or four years ago.—Auckland Weekly News.

Better British Toys

Among pleasing signs pointing to the approach of a happier Christmas, the present boom in the British toy trade is distinctly encouraging. Manufacturers are already flooded with orders, for the earliest Christmas overseas mails will soon be leaving. A real British Santa Claus will drive his reindeer team all over the world this year.—London Daily Mail.

Trade and Foreign Exchange

There has been much talk and exultation lately over the improvement that has taken place in trade. Sufficient evidence of a material character is available to justify the belief that there is substance behind the movement, but it would be idle to hope that real progress towards prosperity can ever be made until stability of exchanges has been effected and confidence in the stability secured.—Glasgow Herald.

Wages and Prices

If wages go up, costs go up. If costs go up, prices go up. If prices go up, wages must go up some more. Thus the economic spiral rises with three items like three dogs chasing each other around the track, all after the rabbit that climbs a pole in the middle of the spiral just out of reach of all three. Which one ought to be ahead? If wages are ahead of prices, prices cannot pay the wages. If prices are ahead, wages cannot pay the prices.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Two Killed In Plane Crash

Two persons were killed and another seriously injured when an aeroplane crashed into the Pacific ocean while taking off from Avalon, for Los Angeles. The aeroplane hit the water from a height of about 50 feet.

Recent Events From Overseas

Prince George to Open Bank

H.R.H. Prince George will open the new head office of the Birmingham Municipal Bank on November 27.

The event will mark the close of another chapter in the bank's remarkable history.

The first of its kind, the Birmingham Municipal Bank was established in 1919, and in the past 10 years its deposits have grown from under £2,000,000 to £14,000,000.

To-day one in every three of Birmingham's population is a depositor in the Municipal Bank, and over 11,000 citizens have purchased their houses with the bank's assistance.

Station-Studded London

There are 600 passenger railway stations within a 10-mile radius of Charing Cross.

All these are shown in a new railway map just issued by the main line railway companies. The object of the map is to show the connections between the main lines and the underground railways.

It is calculated that passengers using the main line termini and those carried by underground number 3,000,000 a day.

Feeds Dog Through Letter-Box

Gravesend.—While their employers were away on holiday two domestic servants, Kathleen and Ellen Allen, of Gravesend, left the house against instructions, and the pets of which they were in charge.

A gardener, looking through a window of the house, saw a dog in a distressed condition. It was fed for three days with biscuits through the letter-box.

A parrot was subsequently found dead from starvation in its cage.

Defendants were each fined £10 and costs at Tonbridge for cruelty to the parrot.

Advised to Punish Wife

Liverpool.—"What you want is a good hiding, and your husband ought to give it to you."

Mr. R. J. Ward, a magistrate, at Liverpool Police Court, made this remark recently to Mrs. Helena Willis, aged 40, who was charged with attempting to commit suicide by jumping into the Mersey.

She was discharged with a caution.

It was stated that Mrs. Willis, while seated on a bench at the landing stage, Liverpool, borrowed a pencil from a man, wrote something on a piece of paper, and then walked to the river wall.

The man became suspicious, and followed her, and was just in time to grab her feet as she was diving into the river.

Mrs. Willis stated that she had a quarrel with her husband and was depressed.

Career of Champ

The career of Champion Redd-Boi of Iwade is one of the greatest romances in the history of dog-breeding.

As an eight-weeks-old ball of fluff he was such a disappointment that his breeder, Mrs. Foster Burgess, offered to sell him to a woman fancier for £5. The prospective buyer thought his nose would grow too big and left him on Mrs. Burgess' hands.

Then he developed so remarkably that he broke all records by becoming a full champion at the early age of ten months.

And now this 8½ lb. of cheeky pride is the most valuable dog the world has ever known.

Redd-Boi has earned that distinction by virtue of an offer made for him by a rich American woman, one of several breeders who have come over during the past month to try to buy up our best Pekinese.

Her offer was in writing, and included a blank cheque on which Redd Boi's owner could write any amount she liked. Mrs. Burgess handed the cheque back!

"No figure was named for Redd-Boi," Mrs. Burgess said, "but I could have had more than £3,000 had I been willing to sell."

The disappointed American visitor, as the next best thing to Redd-Boi, has bought three puppies from the kennel and has been promised a fourth.

"Mistake" Stamps

Glendoick, Perthshire.—Two Nyasaland stamps, a fourpenny and a twopenny, dated 1907, caused a stir in a stamp sale room.

In 1907 a few of the stamps were printed on paper with the wrong watermark. When sent to the British Isles they were sold by a dealer for 10s. each. A few years ago they realized £60.

At Harmer's sale room recently they were sold for £225.

The stamps were in the famous collection formed by Mr. A. W. Cox of Glendoick.

Unhealthy Post

Calcutta, India. — Three European magistrates have been murdered at Midnapore. A fourth has just been appointed to this perilous and unenviable post.

He is Mr. P. J. Griffiths, now on leave, who will succeed Mr. B. E. J. Burge as district magistrate.

Mr. Burge was murdered on September 2, just as he was about to take part in a football match at Midnapore.

It is understood that in making another appointment the Government has yielded to the pressure of European officers who have urged that this action must be taken in order to uphold the honor of the British nation and of the Indian Civil Service.

Officers declared that they will stand by their three murdered colleagues even if twenty others are shot.

Mr. Burge's immediate predecessor, Mr. R. Douglas, was murdred in 1932, and Mr. Peddie in 1931.

Already the Government has been warned that the next magistrate will be murdered. The distribution of leaflets stating "Midnapore must remain without a magistrate" is the latest form of terrorist activity in the district.

New Channel Cable

London, Eng.—Twenty-nine miles of telephone cable stowed aboard the Dominia, the largest cable ship in the world, is waiting to be laid across the Straits of Dover, to augment the existing telephone facilities between London and Paris.

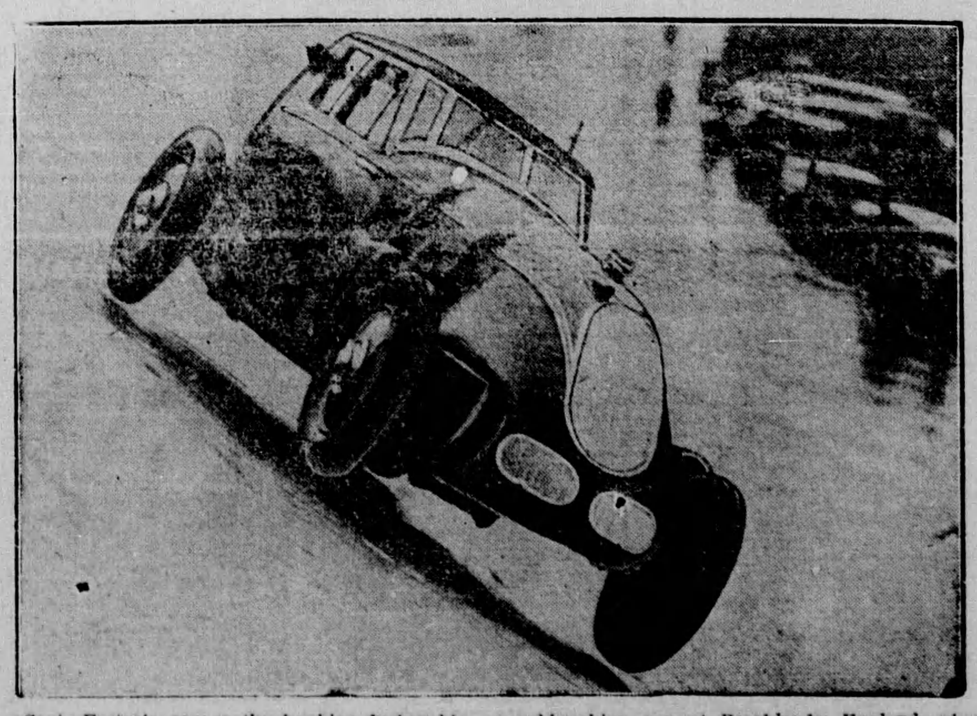
The Dominia is lying off St. Margaret's Bay, and, provided the weather is suitable, she will start laying the cable shortly.

Hints For Fall Costumes

You can build a whole winter wardrobe around your fall suit. Get a couple of dressy blouses in addition to your tailored ones and the suit can go to luncheon and tea as well as to the office.

Have one striped velvet blouse to wear to luncheons and one bright corduroy to wear to football games and on week-ends in the country. If the suit has a long or three-quarters coat have on long tunic blouse of lame or metal cloth to wear to bridge parties and informal dinners.

Breaks American Record



Capt. Eyston's car on the banking during his record-breaking run at Brooklands, England, when he attained a speed of 102 miles an hour in a machine powered with a bus motor.

11-Year-Old Girl Lands in Britain

"Hitch-Hiked" Across Canada With Parents, Then Sailed for England.

London.—A girl of 11 who "hitch hiked" across Canada, from Vancouver to Montreal, with her father and mother, then sailed alone for England, reached the home of her aunt at Northwood, Middlesex, recently.

She is Lily Tyler. She arrived in Liverpool on board the White Star liner Laurentic.

"Daddy used to be a gardener," she said in her musical colonial voice.

"Then the depression came. He lost his job.

"So he and mummy and I set out to find him one.

"Each day we got further away from home. People gave daddy odd work to do just to help him along.

"Often we had lifts in motor-cars and lorries from one farm to another We used to sleep just anywhere we could.

"We did this for three months and then we reached Montreal. When we got there mummy said I was to come to England to stay with my auntie, Mrs. Clark.

"We walked only about one hundred and forty miles out of the three thousand," Lily related with pride.

"Once we jumped a freight train and were turned off."

Goderich Youth Dies After Football Practice

Goderich.—Shortly after he had finished football practice, Herbert Palmer, 17-year-old collegiate student collapsed on Colborne street, and died before medical aid could reach him He had just ridden his bicycle, with a fellow-student one the handle bars from Agricultural Park, where football practice was held.

"You know, I shouldn't do this: I have heart trouble." he said, and then collapsed.

He was carried into a nearby home and Dr. W. F. Gallow was called, but the youth had died. He had been receiving treatment for heart trouble for some time and had been warned against participating in strenuous exercise, it is understood.

"New Deal" Cost Is Near 12 Billion

Washington.—The cost of the "new deal" program of President Roosevelt may be $11,735,000,000 the national industrial conference board estimates.

The industrial statistics organization's estimate place the cost at $15,135,000,000 figuring in Reconstruction Finance Corporation loans.

"The "grand total of liabilities" is listed as follows:

Public Works administration, $3,150,000,000.

Agricultural Adjustment Administration $1,100,000,000.

Farm Credit Administration $2,485,000,000.

Home owners loan corporation, $2,200,000,000.

Emergency relief administration $500,000,000.

Tennessee Valley authority, $50,000,000.

Federal deposit insurance corporation, $2,000,000,00€.

Jack in Baby's Throat Removed by Doctors

Buffalo, N.Y. — An eight-months old baby, Jerome Weber, with a five pointed "jack" lodged in his throat was rushed to two Buffalo hospitals before it was removed.

The parents thought the boy dying when they reached Emergency hospital only to learn they would have to go to City hospital, as Emergency had no equipment for the purpose.

A speeding police escort rushed the child, blue in the face before the first hospital had been reached across the city and waiting surgeons there quickly removed the jack.

The boy swallowed it while older children were playing on the floor of his home. A few hours later he was "sleeping peacefully."

His Wife's "Death" Was Just an Idea

Buffalo, N.Y.—James J. Carroll, 42, according to police confessed he inserted a notice of his wife's "death" in a local newspaper just to keep relatives away from the family. The health department seeing the notice checked to ascertain if a certificate of death had been issued and finding that it had not, called upon police to act.

Carroll was taken into custody but was released after signing a sworn statement.

"I had trouble with my wife's relatives," police quoted Carroll as explaining. "I thought they would see this in the paper and think she was dead, and that would keep them away from us"

Death in Chemical Fog Over Cities, Says Expert

New York.—There is still death in the invisible chemical fog hanging cities, possibly even a cancer irritant, the New York Academy of Medicine was told last week

This report was made by H. B Meller, air pollution expert, of Melon Institute He made a plea for the medical profession to clean up what he called the "atmospheric sewage."