Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

CANADA

Crime News

Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, noted lecturer and preacher, presented an interesting thought upon the publication of crime news in a recent speech. He said: "It is not the publicity which should distress us, but the deeds that covet concealment. If their wickedness were done in secret, how they would flourish. Rogues could strut among us unashamed and thieves and assassins commit their acts with far less fear of detection." Every newspaper can produce evidence of the value of publicity as a deterrent to crime by the number of requests which are made from time to time to keep names out of the paper in connection with police court news, showing that publicity is a punishment which is feared.—Chatham News.

With Continued Stories

Human teeth 500,000 years old have been dug up in China, so you can imagine the age of the magazines they'll find when they discover the rest of the dentist's office.—Border Cities Star.

Startling Loss in Traffic

It is announced that T.T.C. traffic has fallen another 10 per cent. in 1933 and the city system now carries only 146 million passengers per annum where it was carrying 206 million four years ago. Where there used to be ten passengers there are only seven to-day, and, if the decline continues, one-third of the boom-time traffic will have disappeared. Traffic is already down to where it was in 1912, when the Toronto railway covered only half the present city and served only 400,000 people.—Toronto Star.

Lumbering in New Brunswick

The departmental estimate of the cut this winter on both private and Crown lands is placed at 350,000,000 feet, or practically double that of last winter. Sawlogs are expected to constitute more than two-thirds of this amount, the balance being pulpwood, poles, shingle blocks and other smaller items. Pulp and paper mills have been working to greater capacity than a year ago, and are thus creating a wider demand for wood. From the standpoint of employment, these conditions mean work for more men than are employed in the woods. The railwaymen, stevedores, and port workers all benefit rom the handling of these products.—Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

Modern Kitchen

"Cleanliness is the first requisite of a modern kitchen," says a writer. Perhaps, but a can-opener runs it a close second.—Ottawa Citizen.

Trade With the North

Old Ontario must learn that there should be a trade reciprocity with the northern part of the province. By failing to recognize us as a source of supply or steel, newsprint and lumber, Old Ontario is just cutting its own trade throat, as well as ours. Who is to blame for this state of affairs? Ourselves—we don't go out and tell Southern Ontario about ourselves. We must do this for our own good as well as for Old Ontario's good.—Sault Star.

Prime Western Beef

There is continual complaint that prices received for beef cattle and other meat animals in Western Canada are too low. The fact is that the West produces far less of export quality animals than could be profitably exported, and at the same time produces a continual surplus of stuff that is not good enough for export. The result is that the low-quality stuff must be worked off at distress prices on the local market.—Winnipeg Tribune.

Oddities of English

Consider our English tongue. If stuff is sent by ship, it's a cargo. If it comes by car, it's a shipment.—Regina Leader-Post.

Diphtheria Immunization

Children from one to six years of age were taken to the clinics in Three Rivers last week to be immunized against diphtheria. Immunization of school children of from six to ten years is being carried out on a regular schedule. Immunization against diphtheria is not obligatory, but it is strongly recommended by the medical profession and has already proved very rich in results. Big towns like Ottawa and Montreal—and New York first of all—have practised it and found it entirely satisfactory. — Le Nouvelliste, Three Rivers.

To-morrow's Trains

It is estimated that it costs at least one dollar a mile to operate a passenger train of the cheapest kind, without Pullman cars. Now they're starting to build streamline trains of light material that can be run for about 55 cents a mile.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

First White Man Born in Alberta

Many must have been astonished to learn that John Ross, whose death was announced recently, was the first white man born in what is now Alberta. Nor had he reached a very old age, being only 69. A vivid reminder is thus afforded of how recent has been the development of this part of the west. It should also be noted that his birthplace was not in what is now a thickly populated section of the province. It was Fort Vermilion on the lower Peace River, which is even now some 300 miles from a railway line. The northern areas have a larger share in our very early history than the southern. Mr. Ross had led a very active life and had had a great variety of experiences. — Edmonton Journal.

For British Christmas

Like Oliver Twist the British people want more—more Canadian turkeys. They tried them last year by the thousands for Christmas and liked them with the result that the British market asked for generous shipments this year from Canada. The larger percentage of the Canadian turkeys that went to Britain were from the Prairie Provinces — Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Turkey raising has in recent years developed into quite a considerable industry in Canada, particularly in the four western provinces where the climatic conditions seem to be particularly suitable to producing a bird of the best flavor. There are more than 2,478,000 turkeys on Canadian farms, an increase in ten years of nearly 1,500,000.—Canada Week By Week.

Merited Penalty

In a London police court a man was fined £5, with the alternative of 21 days in prison, "for causing unnecessary suffering to two canaries by omitting to give them proper care and attention." That is the British way. And all bird-lovers will agree that the punishment was not one whit too severe. People who neglect helpless little creatures should not be permitted to keep them at all.—Halifax Herald.

Maritime Hogs

So far as the Maritimes are concerned, it is on the records that the breeds of hogs produced here—largely pure bacon hogs—are more acceptable to the British market than are those raised in the West.—Saint-John Telegraph-Journal.

A Thrifty State

Australians living in the state of Victoria seem to have a record for thrift in the British Empire. Most every bank depositor has a savings account averaging $315. Moreover, there are 1,810,000 people in Victoria and 1,272,000 of them have accounts in the Government State Savings Bank. There is also a Commonwealth Government Savings Bank, so that the proportion of savers may be still larger. The amount at credit of depositors in the State Savings Banks of Victoria at June 30, 1933, was $301,130,355, or $8,223,340 more than the depositors' balance in June, 1932.—Brandon Sun.

Overstocked Professions

We have the advantage over the countries of Europe of living in a country whose development has only just commenced. It will be enough if we start a real back-to-the-land movement and if we expand our little industries, for flourishing centres to spring up in the Province, where lawyers, doctors and notaries can live comfortably, provided they can escape the illusory attractions of the big towns, where too many of them are at present dying of hunger. The crisis in the liberal professions is closely connected with the abnormal distribution of the population between the town and the country, and the day a just balance has been struck between them the professional classes will only have to make a judicious choice of their subjects and turn their steps to the little centres, for the troubles to disappear which are now vexing the world.—L'Illustration, Montreal.

THE EMPIRE

Train Tours

The awakening of the railway companies to the possibility of hitherto untried methods of putting their tracks and their carriages to good use has not been without results this year. Touring trains, which serve at the same time as means of transport and hotels, have taken excursionists on short and long trips to Scotland, Wales, Cumberland and other districts.—London Spectator.

Less Excuse For Accidents

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.

A Flying Battleship

On Tuesday a flying-boat was launched at Brough, Yorkshire, which may well revolutionize the conditions of air warfare. For years journalists in search of the grandiose have loved to use some such phrase as "battleship of the air"; usually the name was more impressive than the delicate contraptions of wire and canvas to which it was optimistically applied. But in this new Blackburn "Yerth" it does seem as though one great dividing line in aerial armament has at last been crossed. This flying-boat is the first service airplane to carry a heavy gun firing high explosive shells.—Manchester Guardian.

THE UNITED STATES

Canada's Army

Canadian army is limited to 20,801. The one is to guard the international boundary line between the United States and Canada.—Omaha World-Herald.

Lindberghs Cross South Atlantic

The flying sweethearts hop across the pond to Brazil. Colonel and Mrs. Charles Lindberg seen just prior to their flight from Bathurst, West Africa to Natal, Brazil, where they were greeted by an enthusiastic populace. Distance covered during course of flight 1,870 miles.

"Empty Emblems of Defeat" Go to 21 Nations

Stratford, Ont.—Fifteen years after their victory in the war which was to end war, 21 members of the Stratford branch of the Canadian Legion recently surrendered their victory medals with a request that they be sent to the finance ministers of 21 nationals—allied and enemy alike—to be melted down into metal "and swallowed with all other rewards of armed conflict in payment of the war costs of the world."

The medals will be sent to the finance ministers of Canada, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, France, Russia, Italy, Germany, Turkey, Austria, Bulgaria, Roumania, United States of America, Japan, Portugal, Spain Belgium, Greece, Serbia and India.

The following message in English, German and French will accompany each medal:

"Fifteen years ago we laid down our arms, victorious over the forces of greed, nationalism, armament and war. Our victory was rewarded with these victory medals. Today, nationalism flourishes, greed is rampant, armaments menace our homes and war impends. The fruits of our victory have vanished. There remains to us who fought, nothing but our memories and medals, and the war debts.

"The memories, we shall ever cherish. The victory medals, now empty emblems in defeat, we surrender, one to each combatant nation, to be melted down into metal, and swallowed with all other rewards of armed conflict in payment of the war costs of the world.

True grace is natural, not artificial, because however strenuously you strive to gain it, when it is gained it never gives the impression of effort or straining for effect.—F. D. Huntington.

"Transplanted" Bison Thriving in Alaska

Fairbanks, Alaska. — The snort of the buffalo is heard to-day on the stamping grounds where his ancestors perished many thousands of years ago, because Uncle Sam is a good "transplanter."

The last buffalo in the Territory was exterminated in the Pleistocene Age by great glaciers from the North, scientists say, but in 1928 the Alaska Game Commission and the Federal Bureau of Biological Survey brought a few bison from Montana to the Jarvic Creek flats, southeast of here.

The Department of Agriculture reported to-day that the animals have increased until they number sixty.

The nearest wild buffalo to the herd here now live in the region of Great Slave Lake, in the Mackenzie Valley of Central Canada, 1,000 miles to the southeast.

Ride in Plane Cure For Common Cold?

Chicago.—An airplane ride is now foreseen as a possible cure for the so-called "common cold".

Dr. Haldor Carlson said: "Pilots and stewardesses and other persons who have must to do with airplanes have always believed that a high flight would cure a cold and numerous airplane officials have asked me about this belief. We made some further observations among passengers, and we have revealed some 50 of them who have left Chicago with colds in various stages, from the 'sniffles' on, arrived at Newark, N.J., airport with their colds entirely gone."

British Novelist Passes in China

London.—Stella Benson, 41, the British novelist, was reported in private message received in London to have died from pneumonia in Hongah, Tongkin, China, where she had been living for some time past with her husband, J. C. O'Gorman Anderson of the Chinese customs service. Her "Tobit Transplanted," published in 1931, won the Femina VI Henrense prize award of 1932. She was born Jan. 6, 1892, in Shropshire, England.

We are told to walk noiselessly through the world, that we may waken neither hatred nor envy; but, alas! what can we do when they never sleep!—J. Ptit-Senn.

Toronto Council of Women Tries to Aid Unemployed Girls

Giving its statement the title of "Bread Before Christmas Gifts," the Toronto council of women, puts its case in behalf of the unemployed girl in this manner.

"In view of the great distress among single, unemployed business girls we appeal to the girl with a good home who does Christmas work annually for pocket money to consider the unemployed, and often hungry and cold, girls. We also ask the merchants in engaging help for the Christmas trade to give the preference to those who are in need of employment, rather than those who work to add to their spending money."

The statement issued by the council was precipitated by the announcement of a council member that her daughter had made the statement that she was going down town to look for a job. Her mother in discussing the matter with her found that several young women in similar positions of comfort had the same idea of making a little extra pocket money. Her own daughter was shown her duty in the matter, and being foresighted the parent decided to invite the co-operation of the council in gaining the co-operation of the public in general and the merchants in particular in this effort to give the nemployed girl an opportunity.

Resolutions also were passed declaring that the Toronto Local Council of women "(1) Deplores the existing deficient situation in children's Aid Work in the province of Ontario; the absence of properly qualified staffs for such important work, and the evident non-enforcement of the Child Welfare legislation.

"(2) Requests the Ontario Council of Women to give prominence to this very urgent matter at the annual meeting, affecting as it does the present and future welfare of countless unfortunate children.

"(3) Requests the Ontario Council of Women to ask the Provincial Government to carry out, without further delay, the recommendations of the Royal Commission of the province on Child Welfare."

All cheese was made on farms in Canada until the year 1864, when the first cheese factory was started in Oxford County, Ontario.

British Threat

United States' many successful defences of America's cup may come to an end when T. O. M. Sopwith's new all-metal challenger, the Endeavor, crosses the Atlantic next year. Here's the 96-ton keel being cast at Gosport, England.

H.M.S. Dundee To Visit Peru

Will Pass Up Amazon River Early Next Year

Montreal.—A romantic and adventurous voyage up the alligator-infested waters of the Amazon river will be made early next year by His Majesty's ship Dundee, a sloop of the America and West Indies squadron, it was learned when she visited this port recently. One of the most recent additions to the Royal Navy, the Dundee will steam some 2,300 miles up the Amazon to the town of Iquitos, capital of the Peruvian state of Bajo Amazonas, where she will meet a flotilla of the Peruvian Navy.

Situated a short distance from the borders of Ecuador and Colombia, the town of Iquitos has a population of about 20,000 and thrives on the export of rubber, cotton, timber, nuts and ivory.

H.M.S. Dundee is armed with one four-inch gun, one four-inch anti-aircraft gun and four three pounders and is commaded by Capt. W. H. G. Fallowfield.

Pennsylvania Takes Oxford Holsteins

One of the largest consignments of Holstein cattle taken from Canada recently for export to the United States was made by C. S. Erb and Co., Middletown, Pa. The following Oxford breeders contributed to the shipment: One from G. F. Cuthbert, Ingersoll; one from R. J. Mitchell, Mt. Elgin; eight from Abel W. Siple, Norwich; five from F. H. Harris, Embro; one from Staunton Bros., Woodstock; one from W. W. Nancekivell, Ingersoll; two from M. H. Haley and Son, Springford; three from W. F. Fletcher, Norwich; one from G. R. Row, Curries Crossing; one from Jas. Crawford, Embro; eight from Floyd W. Smith, Springford; two from Andrew Dunn, Ingersoll; one from Thos. Pearce, Tillsonburg; one from Mrs. Dorothy Fairbanks, Ingersoll; one from Daniel Barratt, Ingersoll; two from William Jones, Mt. Elgin; two from H. G. Joliffe, Mt. Elgin; one from Arthur Thomas, Salford; two from Fred W. Lee and Son, Springford; one from George Ruckle, Ingersoll; two from H. M. Bent, Thamesford; three from W. I. Hogg, Thamesford.

Toronto, McGill Lead Universities

Montreal.—University of Toronto has the largest number of students of any Canadian university and McGill University ranks second in this respect, according to figures compiled by the National Federation of University Students and made public recently by McGill authorities.

The figures are: University of Toronto, 5,631 students; McGill (not including affiliated colleges), 2,635; Queen's, 1,590; University of Manitoba (including affiliated colleges), 2,421.

Code is Deciphered By Postal Officials

Halifax.—Letter sorters in the post office don't invite people to address letters in code, but they made it known they could understand some of them.

One envelope arrived with a series of numbers but not a letter written on it. This took a little thought for the boys who toss around letters like a "hustler" does handbills. But the letter finally was delivered to a soldier in Wellington barracks.

Each figure represented the corresponding numerical position in the alphabet, they discovered.

Countess Rosslyn Dead, Leaving Descendants of Four Generations

Dondon.—The Dowager Countess Rosslyn, described as the "most handsome great-great-grandmother in Britain," recently died at the age of 94.

She was once a great beauty of the Victorian era in the last century, and a close friend of Queen Victoria, Gladstone and Disraeli.

The countess was mourned by 70 descendants of four generations.

Increase in Demand For Canadian Wood Seen

Truro, N.S.—Reflecting the increasing demand in United Kingdom markets, 7,000,000 feet of lumber will be cut this season by the Canadian Lumber Company, of Stewiacke, its president, Rufus E. Dickie, has announced. The new cut will represent the most extensive operations of the company in the last three years, and 50 per cent. greater than that of last year, Mr. Dickie said. Bulk of the cut, the president said, will be absorbed in United Kingdom and British West Indian markets.

Flat Feet Held Cause For Suicide of Girl

Montreal. — A serio-comic note was struck at the inquest into the death of Rose Lutterman, 24, when her brother, Joseph Lutterman, testified she was despondent because she had flat feet.

The brother said fallen arches in her feet had caused her embarrassment and preyed on her mind. A verdict of suicide was returned.