Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

Canada

Spring — In Vancouver

It seems to us that a very appropriate subject for editorial comment upon such a morning as this morning is our current and local weather. Spring is here, a month or more ahead of its normal season. The weeping willow has broken into leaf, the lovely blossom of the Japanese plum is out, the dew is on the new grass in our Vancouver gardens. Spring is here, beautiful as ever and more welcome that she is an early comer, and days are mild and benignant, lengthening out to opalescent sunsets that seem to renew the ancient covenant with beauty of earth and sky and sea.—Vancouver Province.

Newspaper Ethics

Communications made to and accepted by a newspaper in confidence will always be respected; proverbial "wild horses" being insufficient to drag the names of those making them from newspapermen. Naturally, the paper is legally answerable for what it prints and is always willing to accept responsibility but we doubt whether any Court or any Legislature will ever succeed in inducing a newspaper man to betray the code of ethics of his profession.—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

.. .. .. Back to the Farm .. ....

It is good to note that in highly industrialized Ontario the cites are losng some of their population— a gradual drift back to the land. This is an excellent movement which it would pay Governments to foster in the most practical manner.—Victoria Times.

A Tribute

Because of what it has been, what it is, and what it promises to be, The Globe's ninetieth anniversary is an event in Canadian jouralism.

Through these ninety years, it has been steadfast for the faith of its great founder, loyal to the best traditions of a fearless, untrammelled press, vigorous for causes that have advanced Canada. For these reasons because The Globe's traditions and aims are things precious to a free people and a free press, the Journal, a comparatively youthful contemporary of forty-nine years, is proud to salute it.

May it long continue to flourish with the years bringing it new and even greater opportunities for achievements.—Ottawa Journal.

Dress Up Old Dobbin

Five years ago the biggest wholesale harness dealers in Saskatoon sold just $500 worth of harness in a whole year. Last spring the same company sold $30,000 worth of harness.

This is one of the roads back to prosperity. Dress up old Dobbin and put a blanket over some of those fancy power machines.

Heredity

Among human beings the proverb has it that fools will not learn in any other school than that of experience. But in School and Society, published recently, it is contended that children benefit by the training which their parents and grandparents had through the third and fourth generations. There is a brief report of the results of the examination of 1,000 representative gifted children, with the summarizing statement by the psychologist, Professor Terman, that children of so many superiorities could not have acquired them all through environment influence alone. Not only are these children themselves superior, but their heredity is also "demonstrably superior.'— (From the Galt Reporter).

Decision

A man can't spend all his time making up his mind what to do. Life is short and the time a man takes to make up his mind what to do is subtracted from the time he has to do it in. It is no sign of great intelligence to be forever hesitating and swinging from one foot to the other without taking a step forward. Sometime, and the sooner the better, a man needs to start for one goal, needs to have one purpose big enough to make it easy to let go all the rest.—From the Halifax Chronicle.

It Can Be Done

Reduction in the accident toll can be effected if the motorists, realizing their responsibility, exercise every possible precaution to safeguard their lives and the lives of their fellow-travellers on the highways. This they can do by strictl observing the regulations enacted for their safety, by refraining from speeding and by giving thought and care to their driving generally.— From the Guelph Mercury.

But They'll Try

With streamlined engines as well as coaches on the railroads, trucks, and automobiles will have a harder time than ever trying to stop trains at crossings.—From the St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Sunday Law Bans Music

For some time the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra—a very good one to boot—has been giving Sunday concerts, which have no doubt been much appreciated by those who love good music. But the Attorney-General of Manitoba has prohibited any more on the ground that it is a violation of the Lord's Day Act to charge for admission. Obviously the concerts could not be given for nothing. So that puts the lid on that—From the Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Regulating Police Dogs

Blyth has joined other places in putting a heavier tax on police dogs, the fee there now being $10. In other places we have noticed it has been put as high as $25. The idea is to discourage people from keeping or breeding these dogs.—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Man's Deadly Enemy

Most diseases modern medical science has conquered. Smallpox once swept over the nations. Today it is a rare disease. A few decades ago tuberculosis was called the white man's plague. The death rate in recent years has been rapidly declining. Typhoid and diphtheria are no longer the dread diseases of formerly. But the death-rate from cancer keeps steadily increasing. Today next to heart disease in Ontario it stands highest in mortality. It is estimated that at least one in every ten persons in Ontario dies from cancer.—London Free Press.

Keeping It Dark

Someone has said that doing business without advertising is like winking at a girl in the dark. You know you are dong it, but no one else does. —Winnipeg Tribune.

Conversational Stars

A man may be a dub in business, in finance or industry, but it is very rarely that he cannot participate in a discussion as to whether his partner bid his hand properly or whether he should or should not have taken a certain finesse. In fact, we can think of nothing so productive of varied and animated conversation as a game of bridge.—Toronto Telegram.

The Empire

London Goes "Pink"

Revolution in London. Probably you did not notice it—but is was nothing else. After twenty-seven years the Conservatives lose control of the L. C. C. The capital is in the hands of the Socialists. London takes it quite calmly. No barbed wire is up in the streets. There are no machine guns in the basements of Karl Marx Houses. In Spain similar municipal elections drove out the monarchy. In America bombs burst in the polling booths. in London we say "That's that."—London Sunday Express.

Leopold III

Long live Leopold III of Belbium. May he be as manly a king and as kindly a man as his father was. He ascends the throne at a critical moment in Europe's history, with neighboring republics in turmoil and remaining kingdoms torn by strife. His country, like ours, stands firm a peaceful island in an angry flood. Loyalty to the throne in Belgium, as in Britain, is a personal thing. Albert held his people's affection because he deserved and won it. His qualities and his example, more needed now than ever, are Leopold's inheritance.—London Sunday Chronicle.

Playing Fields

To wage war is not natural any more than playing football. But football is a reasonable means of employing ones fighting instincts, and killing one's fellow men is not.—Manchester Guardian.

An Affectation

It gives some sort of morbid pride to confess that the English are not musical and cannot paint pictures, as though arts of that nature were all very well for the charming but rather childish Continental but must be forgone by grown-up busy men such as themselves. It is an innocent affection. The English have painted better sporting pictures than anyone else, and hold their own very adequately indeed in painting country scenes. About music, there may be doubt as to the quality of it, but no one sings with more zest than the Englishman. The village hall may display a notice, "Singing and Dancing not Allowed," but singing, at least, there will be. There is never a dinner or a party without a song.—The Spectator.

Serious Flood Losses

Twenty-eight inches of rainfall have been recorded for the month of January at the gauge in the Botanic Gardens, and of this, 18.07 inches fell from January 1 to 7 a.m. on January 7, when 7.16 inches fell between 8.10 p.m. and 7.15 a.m. The disastrous effects of this extraordinary rainfall has altered the immediate outlook for our chief agricultural industries, and it is unlikely that later in the year the general business and trade of the colony will escape the repercussions. The exportation of rice was suspended between January 13 and 27, the ban being first partially lifted on the twenty-third. The prices of food and fuel are still controlled by the Governor-in-Council.— Commercial Review.

Arms Smuggling in India

A newspaper in Bengal which faithfully records facts and preserves a careful library of cuttings will nowadays discover that one of the fattest files in its library concerns the seizure by police in this Province of hidden stores of arms, ammunition, and explosives; the smuggling of arms and ammunition; trials in connection with these offences, and, in general, the ceaseless warfare of the police, aided by the Customs, against the forces of the underworld. In this fact is the justification and explanation of the new Bengal Smuggling of Arms Bill, which the Government of Bengal are introducing in the Legislative Council at its next session.—The Calcutta Statesman.

Shorts for Sports May Bring Back Brief Skirt Style

All Successful Styles Are Inter-Related and Eyes Will Look for Abbreviated Silhouette

New York.—The growing if not fully grown vogue for shorts may have a far-reaching effect on women's styles. Mrs. Alice Perkins, Paris fashion editor of Women's Wear Daily, who is here on a visit, told 300 members of the fashion group at a luncheon meeting here. Expressing the belief that all successful fashions are inter-related, Mrs. Perins said that if women are going to wear shorts all morning long on the beach, their eyes will become accustomed to a shorter silhouette, and they will want fairly short skirts for the afternoon when they play golf.

Mrs. Perins also pointed out that inasmuch as the very high waistline and the fitted bodies did not look well with shorts, their "popularity may have a good deal of influence on sports clothes generally, and this in turn may reflect itself in evening gowns. If women are going back to looking like children on the beach. I do not know if they will continue to wish to look like stately and romantic ladies in the evening — in which case there may be a big field for youthful evening suits like the navy taffeta ones that Lucille Paray showed."

CHILD SMOTHERED IN MASH

Murna, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Heeney, West Oxford, Ont., and their only child, met a tragic death last Monday evening when she fell head foremost into a barrel of beet mash in her father's stable. The child had accompanied the parents to the barn and unobserved, had climbed up on a bag on the side of the barrel containing the mash. Losing her balance, she toppled over into the mash head foremost and was suffocated. The child had only been missed a few minutes when the terrified parents found her in the barrel.

STRAW AS AN ABSORBENT

Straw when used as bedding for live stock will absorb from two to three times its weight of liquid, and if finely cut will soak up about three as much liquid as when uncut. Further the absorptive capacity of dry sawdust and fine shavings is from two to four times that of ordinary straw.

A BOOMERANG

When a bit of sunshine hits ye,
After passing of a cloud;
When a fit of laughter gits ye
And your spine is feeling proud;
Don't forget to up and fling it
At a soul that's feeling blue,
For the minute that you sling it,
It's a boomerang to you.

A SERMON IN JEST

A marble cutter was working on his knees changing a stone into a statue. A minister passing by watched the worker for a while. "I wish," said the minister, "that I could deal such telling blows upon stony hearts!"

"Maybe you could," replied the stone cutter, "if you worked more on your knees."

EYES AND VOICE

The news pages are the eyes of a paper. They chronicle what it sees the world over. The editorial page is the paper's voice. It tells what the paper thinks of what it sees. It may be fairly said that the news columns serve particularly our knowledge and the editorial page our intelligence. —Christian Science Monitor.

It is with jealousy as with the gout. When such distempers are in the blood, there is never any security against their breaking out, and that often on the slightest occasions, and when least suspected.—Fielding.

No Government, any more than an individual, will long be respected without being truly respectable.—Madison.

RICHES

What is the worth of all these things; a day
Spent in a little town—a night of rain,
A score of footprints stamped in Sussex clay,
A word — a gesture — burnt into the brain;

Or youth up-leaping to a golden mood
Which crushes many lives in one mad hour;
Some joy o'ertaken overlong pursued
A kiss, a close embrace, a tear, a flower?

Grave judges heavy-fingered, these light things
Of air, how shall you weigh them? In your scales
Heap your sad wealth against a little dust

Fallen upon a rose from a moth's wings,
And watch your vaunted wisdom how it falls
Before delight which thrives upon a crust!

— Lady Margaret Sackville.

Harvested

Canada's First Wheat crop of 193 Season is Threshed

Ottawa—Canada has harvested her first wheat of the 1934 season. Perfectly ripe with long straight straws, the national grain of the Dominion was cut and threshed in the cereal division building at the Central Experimental Farm.

But it was no ordinary grain. Sown on Oct. 15 in the cereal greenhouse sample plots, the wheat was treated with care. Bathed during the day in sunlight which filtered through the glass windows and walls, it was the target at night for artificial rays. Batteries of high-powered electric lamps were switched on every day at sunset and blazed over the slender green stalks until midnight, while outside temperatures ranged down to 40 degrees below zero.

Eyesight Causes Most Accidents

Survey Reveals Fifty Percent. Due to Defective Vision

Ottawa—A survey has shown that 50 percent. of road accidents were due to defective eyes, as compared with 25 percent. due to speed and reckless driving, and only eight percent. to road conditions.

Driving an auto with defective eyesight was like having a windshield with the wiper out of order. A recent test had shown that ten percent. of motorists had defective vision in one eye, and 25 percent. in the other. Locomotive drivers were required to have their eyes tested every two years.

Children's ees should be watched particularly as remedy of early defects might mean much to them in after years.

Toll of 2 Deaths Over Week-End

Toronto Man is Killed — Young Woman Injured Near Welland

ONE BOY DROWNED

Welland, April 1st—One man was killed and a young woman was injured when an automobile crashed into the ditch near here today. Arthur Henry Downs, 26, of 780 Logan Avenue, Toronto, was killed instantly and Miss Isobel Kingston of Port Colborne, suffered serious injuries.

The accident occurred on the Welland-Port Colborne highway. The car, driven by Downs, apparently skidded on the highway, crashing into the ditch and striking a culvert. Passing motorists discovered the wrecked car. The man had been killed instantly and the girl was semi-conscious when found. She was rushed to hospital at Welland.

Downs' neck was broken in the crash. An inquest has been orderd.

Miss Kingston is a nurse in the office of Dr. W. W. Moffat at Port Colborne.

Downs had been secretary of the Socialist party of Toronto for the past year, and was active in the labor section of the C.C.F.

One Killed, One Injured

Colbourg, April 1st—James MacDonald, Colborne, was killed Saturday when the car which he was driving left the road a short distance north of the highway at Salem and crashed down a steep bank into a creek. His companion, Patrick Cleary, was badly injured and is in a serious condition at his home in Colborne Dr. A. McClennon opened an inquest and adjourned it pending Cleary's recovery.

According to F. Morrow, who saw the car leave the road, it had suddenly swerved to the west while approaching a bridge. Marks indicated that the car toppled down a 12-foot embankment, rolling to the bank of a creek, swollen by recent floods, where it was carried out in the stream until a bend in its course swept the car up against a tree, front wheels in the air.

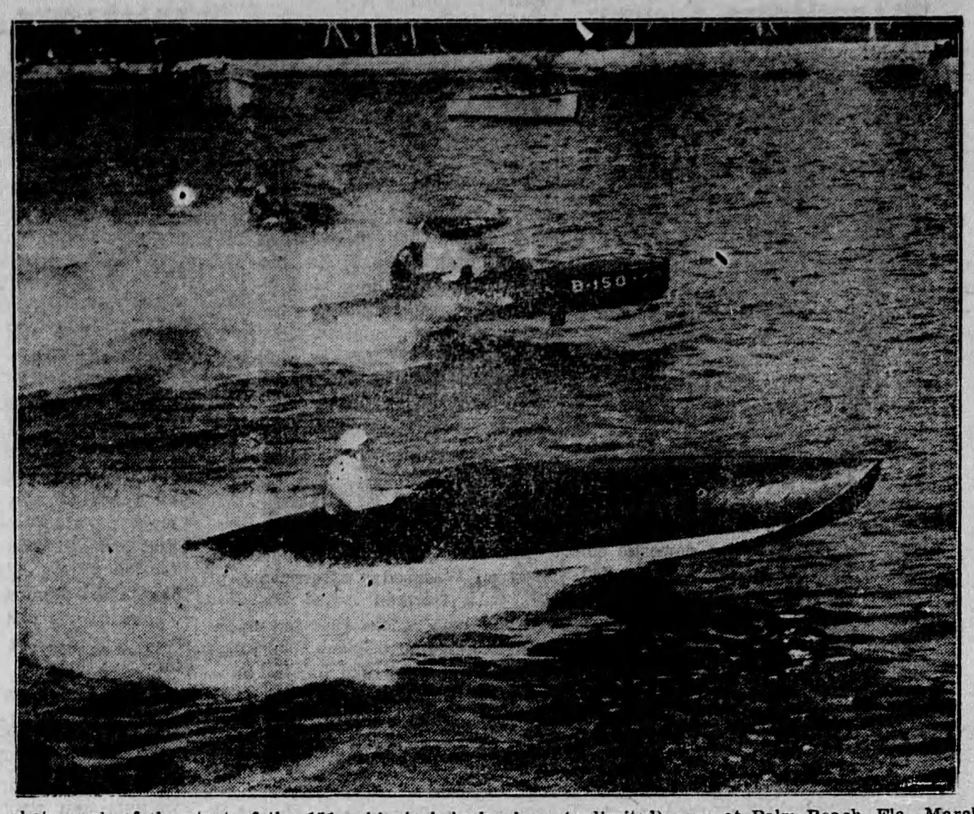
Rescuers extracted the two men, crouched in the front seat, jammed against the broken body of the car. MacDonald was half under water, with his neck broken. Cleary was half drowned and unconscious. They were brought to the bank of the stream and rushed to Dr. Pember, who found MacDonald was dead. Cleary, suffering from lacerations of the skull, was taken to his home where he is in a serious condition.

MacDonald, who will be buried on Tuesday, is survived by two brothers, Dr. William MacDonald and Alex MacDonald, Detroit, and by his parents in Colborne.

Boy Drowned in Creek

Maxville, Ont., April 1—Arthur Chenier, 14, was drowned in a small creek here early tonight. The lad, with a companion was playing on the ice when it gave way, the current carrying him through a culvert and under the ice for some distance when his clothing caught in a fence, spanning the creek. Searchers who had been called by Chenier's companion, cut through the ice and recovered the body.

A Good Start



A photograph of the start of the 151 cubic inch hydroplane (unlimited) race at Palm Beach, Fla., March 13, when Dleutcher Brown of Houston, Texas, won this heat.

Boy Hit Crossing Street

Strathroy, April 1—Vincent Gunness, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Gunness of Strathroy, suffered painful injuries this afternoon when he was struck by a car driven by Alden Cravan, R.R. 1, Strathroy, at the intersection of Head Street and Number 22 highway, The boy was returning from attending Sunday school at St. John's Anglican Church and in crossing the street, he ran in the path of the car. At the Strathroy Hospital, examination showed that Gunness is suffering from a fractured right leg facial injuries and shock.

Firm Announces 6-Hour Day, Raises

Battle Creek, Mich.—W. K. Kellog president of the Kellog Company manufacturing cereals, announced recently permanent adoption of the six hour working day after three years of operation, together with what he described as the highest wage scale ever paid to the company's employees.

The minimum hourly rate of 5[illegible] cents is being increased to 67 cents he said, along with a proportionate increase in other basic rates. Bonuses, he said, will make it possible for workers to increase this rate to 8[illegible] cents hourly.

Pupils' Intelligence Higher Than Teachers'

Windsor—Inspector John E. Benson of the Walkerville, Windsor and Sandwich schools, who believes "there are hundreds of children in our Border Cities schools who posses a higher intelligence quotient than teachers," urges teachers to avoid over-emphasis on vocational education.

Mr. Benson, in an address before the Men Teachers' Federation of the Border Cities, said he preferred male to female teachers because he believed that, generally speaking, men have a broader outlook on life and are keener observers of a wider variety of subjects than women.

Six Persons Die In Brutal Murder

Bloodstained Suit Sent to Cleaners May Afford Clue —Desperate Fight

Bremerton, Wash., April 1.—A card dealer accused of taking a blood stained suit to a tailor for cleaning was questioned today by police seeking the slayer of six persons in the ransacked Frank Flieder home.

The dealer, described by authorities as "Murphy," was taken into custody after Isadore Leachbin, Bremerton tailor, read of the killings. Laschton said Murphy brought the suit to him last Friday—the day after the slaughter apparently occurred—with the explanation he had suffered a hemorrhage.

Flieder, 45-year-old retired Bremerton grocer, was gagged, shot through the base of the skull and beaten almost beyond recognition, together with his wife, 50; Eugene Chenevert, 38; his wife, Mrs. Peggy Chenevert, 30; Magnus Jordon, retired navy man; and Fred Balsom, a bar tender.

Sheriff D. Blankenship said the killer apparently bound and gagged the six persons and then set about ransacking the house in the belief the Flieders had valuables concealed.

Chenevert evidently worked loose, freed himself and started to battle the murderer.

"After killing him the slayer went mad and slaughtered all in the house," the sheriff said.

One of Chenevert's blood-stained hands clasped the leg of an upturned stool as if he made one last convulsive effort to get to his feet.

A hammer and a blackjack, used in the beatings, were near the bodies. A butcher knife and carving knife also used in the murders were in the bedroom.

Drawers had been pulled out in all bureaux and the contents scattered on the floor.

The house showed evidence of a terrific struggle. In the kitchen dishes were overturned, bottles broken and food scattered on the floor.

His Income Tax Is $1,593,633.96

CHICAGO—An unnamed Chicagoan is scheduled to pay an income tax this year of $1,593,633.96, indicating he made from $4,000000 to $5,000,000 in 1933. This man fyled an income tax return off $398,408.49 for the first quarter. His was the largest individual return to come to the local office of the collector of internal revenue.

Social Evenings Killed by Bridge

NEW YORK—All the pleasant social life of small towns and cities of the United States has been snuffed out by a craze for contract bridge, Octavus Roy Cohen, the author, declared recently. Cohen said he spoke as one who plays a pretty good game of contract and likes it very much. "But I resent having to play it," he added. "The craze for contract," he asserted, "has done away with the art of conversation. I know very few couples who can enjoy any more what we used to call 'a pleasant social evening.' You can't have any social contact in a small city unless you are a pretty good bridge player."