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CANADA

MUSSOLINI'S JOBS

One of the latest photographs of Mussolini shows him pushing a wheelbarrow load of sand at the start of work on an orphan asylum. We have lost count of the number of jobs he does.—Kingston Whig-Standard

THE SUPERIOR SEX

Women students have defeated men students in a debate at the University of Western Ontario but women usually get the better of an argument with the other sex.

London Free Press

STUDENTS AND WAR

—A questionaire was recently distributed to students of Toronto University asking them such questions as. "Would you support war under any circumstances?" "When is war justified?" "Would you support the League of Nations?"

A stand of absolute pacifism was taken by 99 of the 200 students who responded to the questionaire sent out by Varsity, the undergraduate newspaper, in collaboration with the International Students' Service at Geneva. There were 13 militant undergraduates who declared they would go to any war that the Government declared. Seven of these were in the faculty of applied science.

There were 88 supporters of a majority defined the latter as one in which Canada was invaded. As a means to avert war the students supported the League of Nations and the World Court of Justice.

Of course the number who responded to the questionaire is only a very small percentage of the total students registered at Toronto University. Brantford Expositor

LONDON'S TRAFFIC

At present the number of motor vehicles in the greater city reaches nearly 1,000,000 cars, vans and lorries, more than 5,000 buses and 10,000 taxicabs. Besides there are 259 miles of street car lines to complicate surface traffic problems. The motorization of the metropolis and its environs is now progressing at such a pace that not many years will elapse before the total number of motor vehicles is expected to exceed 2,5000,000

Fredericton Gleaner

STREAMLINED LOCOMOTIVES

—Lowered cost of operation and greater speed are two of the reasons for the introduction of stream-lined trains. That these objectives have been attained in some degrees at least is acknowledged.

Apparently, however, the New York Central Lines officials are not convinced that the new fangled trains with Deisel-engine development are going to completely revolutionize rail travel. They still have faith that the steam locomotive is an economic and efficient power unit

Therefore they have about ready for service the first streamlined high - powered steam locomotive which with its head resistance reduced 35 to 36 percent. as compared with the present steam locomotive, will more nearly meet modern requirements.

St. Thomas Times-Journal

ANCIENT FEUD

The immediate antagoniism between Jugoslavia and Hungary probably merits all the attention it is receiving. However, it is also worth remembering that the Slavs, who predominate Jugoslavia, have been fighting with the Magyars, who predominate in Hungary, for so long that the origin of their hostility is lost in the midst of history.

Hamilton Herald

AN IMPROVEMENT

It is satisfactory to know that there were 1,609 fewer families in relief in Winnipeg on November 10 than at the same time last year . . The number of families on relief has declined continuously since last winter until the present time. On June 9 there were 7,146 families receiving relief: on September 1 there were 5,995, and on November 10 there were 5,979.

Winnipeg Free Press

A FATHER'S PROBLEM

A St. Paul youth, aged 18, went out on a holdup one night recently, got involved in a fight with police, and shot and killed a patrolman. He got away and dragged himself home, seriously wounded. When he got home, his father quickly learned what had happened.

What should a father do in such a case—nurse his son back to health, keep his mouth shut, and pray that the whole affair could be hushed up or step forward with Spartan courage and let the law take its course?

This St. Paul father took the latter alternative, He called a doctor, then he called the parish priest—and then he called the police, and saw his son taken away to jail to be indicted for second degree murder.

This man had about as hard a decision to make as any father could face. He met it with considerable fortitude.

Victoria Times

AND NOW OCTUPLETS

—Mr. Art Weber, the popular auctioneer of Stephen Tp., has a goose that evidently believes we and on Thursday of last week brought out eight little goslings. The goose had stolen away and made her nest in a strawstack and last week proudly brought forth with a brand new family prepared to take their chance with the elements. Seven of the brood are lively little chaps and now it will be up to Art as the family physician to this latest addition to his farm to see that they get the proper care and attention to make the necessary daily gains in weight at this off season of the year.

Exeter Times-Advocate

THE EMPIRE

MECHANICAL PLANTER

Here's good news for tired gardeners with aching backs. A mechanical planter which sets and waters plants at the rate of 12,000 an hour, is being used as Sprowston, near Norwich, for planting cabbages, celery and strawberries. In the Fens it has planted celery at the rate of seven plants a second (25,000 an hour). An experienced hand planter could set no more than 700 plants an hour.—London Sunday Graphic.

WOMEN SHOULD ORGANIZE

Women must learn to organise. Their influence on public opinion should be greater than it is. Their hearts will always be in their homes and with their children, but they must accept the broader citizenship that comes with emancipation. The "Sunday Referee" believes not only that women have it in their power to end the strife of nations but that they should begin now to organise towards that purpose.—London Sunday Referee.

THE ROYAL VISIT

The Duke of Gloucester desires to see as much as he can of Australia and of Australian conditions, and he should be given every opportunity to gratify that wish; for in the role of Imperial ambassador, which is implicit in his mission as the King's envoy, it is important that the Duke of Gloucester should gain first-hand knowledge of problems peculiar to Australia. The King's sons all have shown a marked capacity for important overseas missions — a capacity which increases in proportion as their knowledge of the problems of the different parts of the Empire increases. And because of the new relationship between the Throne and the Dominions it is highly important that the King's sons should gain first-hand knowledge of affairs in even the most remote corners of the British Empire. In these matters and in his wish to avoid unnecessary strain the Duke of Gloucester may expect the cordial co-operation of his official hosts and of the public.—The Australasian.

NOT SO "ELEMENTARY, WATSON"

Scotland Yard is to have its own science laboratory for crime at long last. And to make up for the delay the laboratory is going to jump at one bound into the front rank of institutions of that sort in the world. Fighting crime is a job which the public wants done as well as it possibly can be done. The resources of science in this field are immense, and will grow. The new laboratory will earn its keep a hundredfold in the convictions it will make possible and the time and trouble it will save. —London Daily Herald.

AND FIFTY-ONE YEARS HENCE.

We do not believe that either Germany or France wants war or that their natural antagonism, even if it must persist, cannot be sterilised for another fifty years if the right people get together and the right things are said.—London Sunday Dispatch.

YOUNG EGYPT

An interesting complaint being made these days by Egyptian fathers is that modern enlightenment is having a bad effect on the rising generation. Fathers pray for a return of the good old days when fathers used first to demonstrate to erring offspring by demolishing a mud wall with the blow of a fist. Today, the better educated womenfolk in the household combine forces with the young men who misbehave. In the old days, the father was king of his castle. It is argued that his lost grip of the youth of the country does not augur well for the future of the land. The older men aver that one of the worst things that ever came out of the West was the emancipation and consequent dissipation of the young.—The Sphinx, Cairo.

IN TRINIDAD LIKEWISE

An argument often used in past years was that motor vehicles had complicated the problem of the roads, and that the solution lay with them and with the authorities, whose duty it was to restrict drivers' misdoings. It is true that motor transport has provided the gravest anxieties, but the growing accident statistics will be reduced in the most satisfactory manner only if equal care is exercised by every class of road user. The need of better traffic conditions on the roads of the Colony is urgent. Even at the risk of reducing the already small leisure time of the Constabulary "The Trinidad Guardian" recommends that a series of lectures by senior officers should be given in differnet parts of the country to which not only chauffeurs but the general public would be invited. —Trinidad Guardian, Port of Spain.

Welcome, Fuehrer

A gracious young hostess, little Helga Goebbels welcomes Chancellor Adolf Hitler on his visit to the home of her father, Propaganda Minister, who is holding her in his arms.

New York Police Urged to Beat Up Known Criminals

'Bring 'em in Mussed Up,' Commissioner Says, 'and I'll Back You Up'

New York.—Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine has declared himself for a policy of "marking and mussing up" all known criminals who are arrested.

He told 200 detectives at the police lineup to spread the word among the force that he wanted criminals so beaten they would leave the city rather than face arrest.

"I don't want these men coming in here looking as if they had just left a barber chair," the Commissioner declared.

His remarks were prompted by the appearance in the lineup of a man arrested on a charge of murder. The suspect was neatly groomed.

The Commissioner pointed to the man and indicated what changes should have been made.

"The district attorneys will protect you", he advised the detectives. "Bring these known criminals in mussed up."

He counseled the officers to "draw quick and shoot accurately." "The racketeers, the thugs and the gunmen who prey on honest people in this city must get out," he continued. "I want you to drive them out.

"I want you to understand you'll be supported, no matter what you do, provided you are justified. Make it so disagreeable for men like this that they'll leave the city becouse they fear arrest. Don't treat them lightly."

Commenting upon his orders later, the commissioner said:

"It is about time that our men received some assurance that they will be supported. The sooner we are rid of the thug, the racketeer and the killer the better.

"We want to be careful however, not to harm innocent people, and we don't want to use police brutality on anyone because of different political faiths, but on thugs and gorillas and assassins the sky is the limit—and I wanted the men to know where we stand.

"Decent hard-working people should be protected. We don't want police brutality, but that's the only way to stop these criminals. It is about time that we took action to protect the people we are paid to protect."

Volcanoes Spout and throw out hot stones and dust and give us an idea that the inside of the earth must be a very hot place.

The old volcano of Stromboli stands out in the Mediterranean Sea just above Sicily and throws out a flame which lights the sea for hundreds of miles.

Vesuvius and Etna do the same thing, but not so frequently as the Stromboluzzo as these Italians call it.

This would indicate that the flame comes from the earth and that the earth must be a huge ball of fire with a thin, cool crust.

Five-Year Trek of Reindeer Herd Across Arctic Now Nearing End

3,000 Animals Will be Released Near Aklavik After 3,000-Mile March from Alaska — Victory for Laplander

Moose River, N.W.T. — The drum of hoofs across the rim of Canada's Arctic circle wrote a march of victory for Andrew Bahr. It sounded the end of a five year struggle across a 3,000 mile stretch of ice to re-establish a lost reindeer herd for 25,000 Eskimos in scattered settlements from Kittigazuit to Coronation Gulf.

Led by Bahr diminutive Lapland herder and his nine wind-tanned assistants, 3,000 sturdy reindeer set out from Kutebue Alaska, Christmas Day 1929. Now it is moving slowly across the Mackenzie delta to Kittigazuit, east of Aklavik, where it will be released. The animals spent the Summer at this Arctic coast point, 150 miles northwest of Aklavik.

To Aid Eskimos

Behind the venture was the decision of the Dominion Government to replenish depleted reindeer herds. Since 1929 starvation has stalked Eskimo camps throughout the barren lands. Invasion of the white man drove out the caribou and for five years natives have subsisted almost entirely on the white man's diet of canned beef and tea.

The five-year-trek told an Arctic saga destined to live forever in the lore of the north country. Long journeys over frozen trails in 50 below weather; daring drives through perilous mountain passes when a slip of the foot meant sudden death and battles at night with packs of hungry wolves that continuously stampeded the herd.

Despite the addition of 1000 spring fawns to the original herd, Bahr expected to deliver only 2,300 head. Their arrival however will inaugurate an Arctic new deal with a full dinner pail and eventually two reindeer sleds in every Eskimo garage. Bahr and his assistants will remain with the herd long enough to instruct the natives in the fundamentals of reindeer breeding.

Despite the long struggle, Bahr believes the real battle is now just beginning. The establishing of the herd will give the Eskimo something approaching their primitive foods. But the animals must be protected from tthe ravages of extermination by the wolves until the herd is built up.

The hand-picked cavalcade left Elephant Point, Alaska, in late December 1929. In preparation for the long march, Bahr sercured 53 specially made sleds drawn by trained teams of domesticated reindeer to transport equipment and supplies. The great herd was able to move only in the Winter months. This allowed for the fawning season and eliminated the dangers of Arctic travel in the Summer months.

The route lay through the Noazak river valley in a north-easterly direction to the Arctic watershed, and thence across the Continental Divide through the little used pass to the head of Colville Basin, southeast of Point Barrow. Here the herd rested in the Spring of 1930.

300 ADDED TO HERD

With 300 fawns added to the herd Bahr pushed on with freeze-up in the Fall and reached a point southeast of Point Barrow the following Spring. After a Summer's rest the expedition arrived at Flaxman Island southeast of Harrison Bay on the Arctic coastline. Blue River 300 miles east of Flaxman was the next stopping point.

The original schedule called for the crossing of the Mackenzie river basin in the Spring of 1931-32 but timber wolves, lean and hungry from long years of privation swooped down on the strange procession and took their toll. Bahr and his men escaped death by keen vigilance and sharp aim with the rifle but their antlered charges were less fortunate.

For many months the location of the herd was not known to the outside world. Last October, within striking distance of their goal the party started on the last lap of a drive that will take them across the Mackenzie delta to Kittigazuit east of Aklavik, where they will be released.

Speaking of the wolf menace Bahr in his first account of the trek said: "They would come in the bleak hours before dawn. Timber wolves in packs of from four to 12. They would hover in the shadows terrify the herd and then leap in for the kill. Oftentimes, days were spent in quieting the deer and persuading them to move forward again in orderly fashion. Then when the move was made the wolf menace would assert itself again with in a period of 24 hours."

R. T. Porsild, Dominion Government reindeer expert and his brother A. E. Porsild, kept the party supplied with provisions while the herd travelled. Through biting blizzards they drove their dog teams more than 2,000 miles during the Winter, back and forth between Herschel Island and Aklavik.

Nice People

Mary Pickford Says If We Would Get Acquainted With The Charming Person Who Dwells Down Deep In Each One Of Us, We'd Be Surprised.

New York.—We are all very nice people away down deep, says Mary Pickford. Each one is nice, and "so few of us have even seen that fellow," she says.

Miss Pickford, Toronto's peculiarly brilliant star in the film firmament, is an author also and has written a book called, "Why Not Try God?" "It's very short," she said, "you can read it very quickly."

"You are a Christian Scientist, are you not, Miss Pickford?"

"A large order ..... I am a student."

She likes being an author. She dictates her stuff and writes in longhand and is not quite sure whether she would like to use a typewriter.

She doesn't think people possess their possessions. She thinks the possessions possess them, "just as I have been possessed by my career."

"But what would you like to do now?"

Miss Pickford's main idea is that everyone should find himself. Then she thinks one can get a perspective. "If you can't see it mentally it doesn't exist," she says, and sits very firm aand charming on a collapsible chair.

"How about a bright and snappy line for a conclusion?"

"Anything that helps us to find ourselves is bright and snappy, isn't it? All of us are really nice people—away down deep—so few of us have ever seen that fellow."

New Notes

Bank of Canada Bills To Be Printed This Month

Ottawa.—Bills of the Bank of Canada in the various denominations will be printed this month in readiness for circulation when the bank begins to function probably in February. The engraving has been completed by the two bank note companies in Ottawa.

The notes are to be bilingual—in English and French. It will be recalled that the language question was discussed with some vigor in the last session. Finally, the Government inserted in the bill a provision that the notes may be issued in either language which enables them to be bilingual, or separate. The bilingual notes are more especially designed for Quebec circulation, but, of course, currency, once in circulation, is not limited to any particular bounds.

Germany Loses Famous Der Tag

Prewar Neutral Forum Joins Long List of Extinct Free Journals

BERLIN—Der Tag is now added to the list of German newspapers which have disappeared since National Socialism came to power less than two years ago. Der Tag was formerly the organ of the German Nationalist People's Party. It has now been incorporated in the Berliner Lokalanzeiger, another newspaper of the same company, the Scherl Verlag.

Der Tag occupied a place of its own in German journalism. Before the World War, it was looked upon as a more or less neutral forum, in which current questions could be discussed, particularly by its readers.

Today, it cannot perform this function, since few Germans now venture to express their opinions on some of the most outstanding questions in their own press.

The Deutsche Zeitung, formerly the organ of the Pan-American movement and since Jan. 30, 1933, the journal of the Reich Food Department, also announces that it will discontinue its afternoon edition.

In addition to the scores of Socialist, Communist and other "liberal" newsapapers and periodicals which have ceased, or been compelled to cease publication in the last 22 months, there have also disappeared such once-prominent Berlin dailies as the Vossische Zeitung, Berliner Borsen-Courier, Tagliche Rundschau and Deutsche Tageszeitung.

From the view point of the German public, it shows increased apathy toward newspaper reading (since these losses are not made up in more subscribers to the National Socialist papers)). The German journalistic profession, finds it to mean greater hardship and unemployment.

Natural Rubber Held Still More Profitable Than Synthetic Type

London, — Hundreds of articles illustrating the utilization of rubber are on display at the rubber exhibition which was recently opened at the Science Museum in South Kensington by Sir Phillip Cunliffe-Lister, the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The exhibition is devoted almost entirely to natural rubber and its uses Synthetic rubber, while developed to an important stage, is regarded as being too costly for production with rubber at its present comparatively low price.

Spongy rubber used in upholstery has survived three-year tests on the buses without impairment the exhibit shows. Above all, the multifarious uses of rubber in the manufacture and equipment of an automobile are displayed. The automobile industry alone is said to absorb more than 70 per cent of the world's output of raw rubber.

Despite the variety of exhibits, nowhere could be found an example of one of the latest and most interesting rubber novelties—clothing made of rubber and wool, designed to keep its shape without pressing. Such clothing is already on the market. So is practically every other object that is shown at the exhibition, which is scheduled until April next year.

The Other Fellow's Job

A Minnesota editor moralizes thusly:— "If we could all switch businessess all the way around for just one week we'd be a lot more sympathetic of the other fellow's problems and know a lot more than we do at present about the cause of his shortcomings and of his apparent failures. Let the banker sell prunes, the grocer pull teeth the dentist run a garage, the garage man edit the paper, the editor run the bank (that's the biggest jump of any of them) for just six little work days and we'd all have our eyes so wide open to what the others are up against that we would never have the courage to criticize, nor would we be unsympathetic again and then if the whole caboodle of us were on various farms and operate them for another six days each, we would all be so wise and understanding that the peace and harmony prevailing would make this little old community just about the best place in the world to live in. It can't be done, of course, but we could take the thought to ourselves that we don't know anything about the other man's job, and concede that for all we know, he is handling it in good shape.

"A man's true wealth is the good he does in this world."—Mahommed.

"Riches are not an end of life, but an instrument of life."—Henry Ward Beecher.