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Toronto Does Better

At the end of May there were 80,016 individuals on the Toronto relief rolls, as compared with 101,643 on the same date last year—a reduction of twenty per cent. In the first five months of this year, as compared with the first five of 1935, the gross cost of relief in that city dropped by $514,558.

At the end of May there were 19,988 individuals on the Ottawa relief rolls, a decrease of a little more than one per cent from 20,218, which was the total on May 31 a year ago. The number of families was actually higher, having risen from 4,580 to 4,604 in that time.—Ottawa Journal.

Starlings Saved Crop

Every now and again the Star's wandering reporter, Dan McDonald, runs across something that appears to upset the usual ornithological data. Now, from Harry Collins, of Echo Bay, he gets a testimony in favor of the starling, bounties for the killing of which are offered in many sections. Mr. Collins says the starlings last year ate the cutworms and saved his crop. Next, please.

Recipe For Long Life

Perhaps the only reliable recipe for long life is a discriminate choice of parentage and ancestry. We once heard Sir Oliver Lodge say that a human being at birth is endowed with a definite amount of vitality, which, barring accidents, will maintain life for a certain period of years, and no more. One thing is certain, and that is that human beings are never intended to live on indefinitely, otherwise the planet would become overcrowded and the rising generation would never get a chance. "Here we have no abiding city." — Stratford Beacon-Herald.

From Afar

Hi folks! Just a reminder about Joe Malcewicz—we expect the whirlwind elbow smasher back in these parts soon now.

That big red-head, Torchy Pedden, will accompany the Olympic cycling team to Berlin this year. Incidentally, Torchy's brother may be on that team.

They say money and fame have not changed that good-natured Irishman, James J. Braddock. He lives in the same modest apartment and still shakes old friends by the hand with a real, true grip.

Ralph Fountain, 21-year-old youth from Abbotsford, B.C., pedalled his bicycle 3,400 miles in 33½ days. He had three punctures on his journey between British Columbia and Ontario. On this gallant trip the lad averaged 100 miles a day. He said he passed through snow three feet deep. He caught fish nearly every day, and fried them by the roadside. He averaged ten hours a day through out the trip.

We'll be back next week with data on speed records right from the Indianapolis Speedway. So long, gang!

QUESTION BOX

If you have any question regarding sport personalities or any particular angle to a game, write to Ken Edwards, Room 421, 73 Adelaide West, Toronto. If a personal reply is desired, enclose a stamped (3c) self-addressed envelope.

Bicycles In Traffic

A boy on a bicycle and another playing "tag" on the streets were killed in Toronto. We have noticed that some boys on bicycles ride as though they were playing "tag" with the motor traffic. There should be some rule of the road for bicycles.
—Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Status Of The Ladies

Mrs. Geo. R. Mayo has been appointed supervisor for radio receiving licenses in Perth County. Should ladies be appointed to all those positions, a householder will soon not know whether a lady visitor is a welcome guest or is just another inspector, to see if you have the proper collection of licenses or permits.—The Stratford Beacon-Herald.

Doesn't Just Seem Longer

All in all, it seemed clear that mariage is distinctly beneficial to the health of the individual. The married person's life is better regulated with regard to sleeping hours, meals and recreation.

Most husbands have a strong sense of responsibility to their families which makes them avoid conditions likely to impair their capacity as wage-earners; they, therefore, shun known sources of infection and hazardous adventures.

Moreover, married couples have a solicitous regard for each other's health which often insures timely medical attention to condition which, in single individuals, are likely to be ignored until the damage is beyond repair. — Brockville Recorder and Times.

Camp Fires

When you want to cook a meal in camp don't hang the pot. Build a small low fire on clay or gravel between two stones or pieces of wood just far enugh apart to support the pot. In this way very little fire is needed. When cooking is over, douse the embers thoroughly. It won't hurt to use several pails of water. Finally, throw the charred sticks into the lake or river.

Above all, don't build a fire on forest mold. This will retain heat for days and sometimes fire breaks out again from it.

Never throw away a match without first breaking it. Cigarettes, which do most damage, should be snuffed out between the fingers.—Sault Ste. Marie Star.

Three Times — Out !

"Three strikes and you're out" will be the effect of a new highway traffic safety program inaugurated in New Brunswick. In the case of minor offences, a first offender will have his license endorsed and a report sent to the registrant. When an officer makes a third such endorsement, the operator will be forced to take his car from the road for at least a month. Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who police the province, have been instructed to put on a drive for stricter enforcement of the traffic law.

Cars will be checked throughout the year and such checks will include brakes, lights, license plates, and other equipment. Cars which pass inspection will display stickers and cars lacking such stickers or with them out-dated, will be halted and inspected. Every car must be equipped with devices for dimming lights and drivers are required to dim lights at least 300 yards before meeting another or as soon as it is visible.—Niagara Falls Review.

Degrading

A horse never looks quite at ease riding in a truck.—Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

Another Chancellor

Mussolini is to assume the title of "chancellor." Hitler may take this as a compliment or may resent it as an infringement of copyright.—Edmonton Journal.

Simple Justice

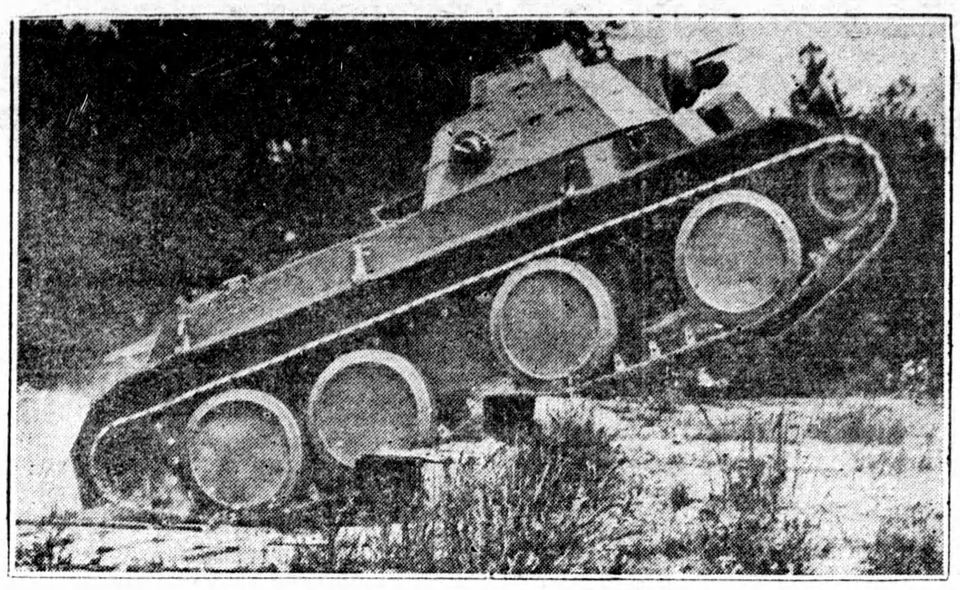
Some interesting observations have been reported by a group of English and American law students now studying the Russian court system.

The Soviet legal machinery, it appears, is distinguished for its brevity and directness. Judges, and not the lawyers, conduct the trials and precedents just don't count. Lawyers are not required, and many litigants conduct their own cases even in the higher courts. There are long statutes; procedure is decidedly simple, and legal loopholes are practically unknown.

Other features of the Soviet system, of course, are less tenable, such as that placing all lawyers in a collectivist unit and thus depriving them of fees.

But in the main their system does seem to have achieved one thing—a simplified, direct and inescapable court set-up.—Kitchener Record.

Test Huge Tank



One of the army's new 13-ton tanks being tested at the Aberdeen, Md,. proving grounds rumbling over a three-foot wall. Various mechanized weapons and new artillery are undergoing rigorous test at the proving grounds.

Sure Signs

When a boy commences to wear a necktie, he is growing up, remarks a contemporary. When he cleans his teeth regularly, parts his hair scrupulously, and shines his shoes, it means that he has a girl around the corner somewhere.— St. Catharines Standard.

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Tobacco In Ireland

Irish Independent, Dublin—Farmers have been persuaded that they can retrieve their fallen fortunes by cultivating wheat and tobacco. Last year the area under wheat was 163,000 acres, and we are informed that Dr. Ryan that owing to the wet season there will be no increase in the acreage this year. Wet sowing seasons and harvest periods are not of rare occurrence, and in connection with a crop so susceptible to climatic conditions as wheat those who contemplate a production ample to satisfy home requirements are certain to experience some disappointment. It appears from the minister's statement that only pipe tobacco can be grown, and "we grow that only indifferently." In any event, if enough to meet the entire home consumption were produced, only ten thousand acres would have to be put under tobacco. Distributed among half a million landholders, the revenue to the agricultural community would not be stupendous.

A Colonization Blunder

Once more, a chicken hatched from ill considered and inept government interference with the natural expansion of primary production has come home to roost. Despite the warnings from competent authorities of the attendant risks and the dubious prospects of success, repatriated soldiers, many of whom had but slight knowledge of farming, were settled in the Northern Mallee, Victoria. Even in richer soils and more favored areas, experienced men find farming a speculative enterprise, owing to the vagaries of our climate. In the new areas these odds against the settler were far heavier. Given favorable seasons, prospects of success became remote with the slump in wheat prices, and remain remote. Hitherto the seasons have been almost consistently against the settlers, who have carried on courageously in the face of drought, disappointment and discouragement. Now a crisis has been reached where it is impossible to carry on the lost fight.—The Australasian.

To A Son, Abroad

Vernon Hayne in the Empire Review, (London).

Thirty years ago; if I remember right
I sailed from England, I was just a boy,
Like you, my son, of whom I think tonight
Asleep beneath the Eastern stars.
Now I a'dreaming by a Winter fire
Recall my youth, and in the flickering flames
I see you, and I pray that you old son
Will gain your heart's desire!

Do you like heat and sweat of scorching noon,
The sun-drenched languor of a tropic land,
And gaudy scented flowers which die so soon,
The while you yearn a simple English rose,
Will you love swimming in an emerald sea
Dyed by a fiery sunset's crimson hue,
Yet, long for England, dim and far away,
And all the homely scenes that once you knew.

Yes! like us all she'll call you home,
This island kingdom we all love so well,
She claims her sons wherever they may roam,
This Motherland of ours.
So dreaming by the fire this Wintry night
In this, our England, sombre-hued and grey,
Your Dad salutes you, and he knows my son
That you'll be coming Home one day!

Broken Marriage

Sylvia Sidney, Actress, Says She Has Learned a Lot

LONDON — Twenty-six-year-old Sylvia Sidney fitted a fresh cigarette into her holder and said, "I don't want to talk about my marriage."

But she did talk about marriage, with a feeling which must have been informed by her own recent — and first—experience of it, which ended in the divorce court after seven months.

FAME NOT THE WRECKER

"I deny that marriages among Hollywood people last less long than others," she said. "They seem to —but only because every break-up is so much publicized.

"My own marriage would have been just the same if I had been an unknown stenographer. But at least I wouldn't have gone to business each morning among people who were looking for the first sign of a glum face so that they could lick their lips and say, 'Well, that's gone on the rocks.'

"I don't think fame has anything to do with happy marriage. It is the relationship between two human beings by themselves that succeeds or not.

"The danger lies in the people themselves. What marriage teaches you is that to make it succeed it requires the finest kind of people. It requires more generosity, tolerance, sympathy and patience than it is possible to imagine before you have been married.

"It doesn't take long to find out if you've made a mistake.

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"That doesn't mean there is anything wrong with marriage. The fault is in the people. They will probably try it all over again later."

"Will you?" I asked.

The answer was a raised shoulder, a raised eyebrow, a quick "who knows?" and a change of subject.

Miss Sidney, who earns £600 a week, says she would go crazy without work to do.

"I never talk shop," she says. "When I finish a film that's the end of it. I can't even remember the lines I spoke or the names of the characters."

She has one feature the screen — even in color—has never brought out. Shy blue eyes, with a fleck of brown in the right one.

Foreign Students Chosen for Canada

KINGSTON, Ont.—A student from France and one from Germany will represent their countries as exchange students at Queen's University the coming session. They are Daniel Vilfroy and Carole Kreuger. Both are mature students and both expect to come to Kingston with their doctor's degree they are now completing.

Vilgroy is 24 and has studied at Sedan and Paris. Miss Kreuger is also 24 and has studied at Bonn, Berlin and Kostock. She is the daughter of a German government official.

Jack Henley of Oshawa and Edna Lorimer of Brockville represented Queen's abroad last term. These students will be replaced next term by Murray Cowie of Peterborough and Bernard O'Beirn of Toronto.

Bank of Canada $2.00 Bills Raised by Counterfeiter

OTTAWA — The Bank of Canada disclosed recently search was being made for a man who had raised three or four of the bank's bills by skilful art work, faking a $2 bill into a $20 on one occasion.

Governor Graham Towers said he believed there were not more than four of the bills in circulation and that they had been traced in Ontario and Manitoba.

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Beach Skirts Are Worn Over Shorts

Color Schemes Brighter; Uncrushable Linen Dresses

PARIS, — Dress houses here are presenting their first cruise and their beach clothes. The dresses or skirts vary considerably in style, but they invariably are worn with shorts, that are either short and tight or are made to look like knee-length skirts. The latter are either flared or pleated and are seen most frequently in uncrushable linen.

The color schemes are gayer and brighter than usual, in contrast to the sobriety of spring clothes, which were somewhat affected by the period of mourning in English court circles. A pair of brown linen beach shorts are worn with a bright orange woolen jersey and a full-length coat of brown linen.

Beach dresses in uncrushable linen look tailored enough to be wirn on the street with a shallow-crowned, large-brimmed linen hat to match.

But on the beach, a cape, jacket or shirt can be unbuttoned to reveal brief shorts and a brassiere top. The halter necks still are the most popular as the entire back can be left bare and open to the sun.

Beach trousers have replaced pajamas, with an accompanying tailored and a backless blouse of bright print for beach wear. For cruising, the blouse is replaced with a sleeveless silk jersey sweater with a turtle neck.

Distinct Shortage In Domestic Help

Toronto Employment Agents Say There Is Need for Cooks

TORONTO, — There is a distinct shortage of domestic help especially of experienced cook-generals, according to the information given to the Evening Telegram, both by Miss L. O. R. Kennedy, head of the women's division, Employment Service of Canada, and by Miss Ada Ross, in charge of the Young Woman's Christian Association employment buseau.

"At this time of year the scarcity of experienced help is always acute," said Miss Kennedy. "Golf clubs and summer hotels are opening, and many girls and women prefer such work to positions in private homes." Toronto has 2,550 unmarried women on relief, but Miss Kennedy pointed out it would be incorrect to infer they should be in domestic work.

Miss Kennedy stated that during the last few years many Toronto girls and women previously in "white collar" positions had, on the Employment Service's advice, turned to domestic work. Others had not been urged to do so because they lacked the robust physique or because their temperament was such as to make it evident the switch would be unsuccessful.

To Check Cheating Among Pensioners

WINDSOR, Ont. — In a move to stamp out "chiselling" among recipients of old age pensions Essex County Council decided recently to furnish each municipality in the county with a list of pensioners every three months so a constant check can be made on those being supported in part by the municipalities.

The discussion of pension chiselling was marked by the declaration of Reeve Robert Atkin, of Malden, that politicians are largely responsible for pensions being granted to undeserving persons. He claimed that office-holders frequently exert their political influence to have pensions granted to constituents after the local pensions officials have rejected the applications.

The first admiral ever appointed was William de Leybourne, who was made Admiral of the English Seas by Edward I, in the year 1297.

"Sleeping Beauty" To Have Long Life

She Can See and Hear, But Can't Speak Nor Move

EDMONTON, — Fresh from the bed side diagnosis of Patricia McGuire, Oak Park's famous "Sleeping Beauty" Dr. Rene Cruchet, neurologist and pediatrician of the University of Bordeaux, France, said here that the girl will probably live to be a ripe old age — a living mummy.

World famed for his discovery of encephalitis lethargica, dread malady which leaves its victims paralyzed, Dr. Cruchet has been doing research work as guest professor at the universities in New Orleans and Chicago.

He examined Patricia who has been asleep since February 15, 1932, and on his Edmonton visit said she had appeared to hear and understand everything he said to her.

"Tears appeared in her eyes when I spoke of her sickness," said the far-famed medico.

His diagnosis convinced him that the 'Sleeping Beauty" of Oak Park is condemned to live for years, seeing and hearing what is going on about her, but unable to move or speak — in other words, living a lifeless life.

The noted specialist looks like the popular conception of a Frenchman. He is slight and wears a generous beard. He left Edmonton headed for Ottawa.

Still Hold Hope For Suffrage in Quebec

MONTREAL — The Woman Suffrage Bill was defeated in the Legislative Assembly at Quebec because the "party whips cracked," F. A. Monk, the sponsor of the bill, declared at the annual meeting of the League for the Women's Rights here.

Mr. Monk said he saw no reason for discouragement. He believed that the next year there would be a changed mentality and that the members would feel "free to vote."

When the women of Quebec do get the vote they will know a good deal about it, Mrs. Pierre Casgrain said as she outlined the efforts that had been made to reach the people throughout the province and interest them in the cause.

Swimming baths can now be kept pure and safe for use by means of a new Dutch process of filtration, which calls in the help of a certain microbe to fight any disease bacteria in the water.

Stunning and Cool

"My how slim you are!" exclaims your neighbor who is quick to admire your new slenderizing daytime frock. You'll rejoice indeed over the center seamed skirt simple fitting bodice and the gathered yoke. Don't leave your dress-making until the days are too hot to bother about it, do it now and be ready with something smart to don. Just think how nice and cool the neckline will feel, when temperatures begin to rise!

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