Summary of the News

Want Strike

STRATFORD. — Fifteen hundred furniture workers in twenty-seven factories in nine different Ontario centres, including nine Toronto plants, are to be called out on strike this week.

A hastily summoned conference here late Sunday attended by J. F. Marsh, Ontario Deputy Minister of Labor, and members of the District Council of the Furniture Workers' Union, failed to avert the strike. Mr. Marsh asked the union to delay the walkout until after a new conference between manufacturers and union representatives. Frank M. Wright, President of the District Council of the union, said the request could not be met. The union made plans Saturday to call out the men Tuesday and its plans could not be altered, he declared.

Nails Slander

LONDON.—The Sunday Referee said in its news columns Sunday that a "malicious whispering campaign" concerning the King's health is being conducted by scandal-mongers, among whom it numbered "famous Mayfair hosts and hostesses, prominent stock brokers and Left Wing politicians, most of whom are disappointed office-seekers."

Denying King George's health is in any way questionable, the newspaper called attention to the fact that it is a treasonable offense to spread slanderous reports regarding the person of the King.

The Referee said the basis for the rumors include the fact his Majesty did not broadcast a Christmas message, paid only one visit to the British Industries Fair, and the recent postponement of the Durbar in India.

The reason the King has not appeared more frequently in public since his accession, the newspaper continued, is because he is fully occupied learning the complicated task of kingship.

Stops Train, Then Dies

NEW YORK. — Fifty-five-year-old Joseph Walsh brought his subway train to a safe stop and slumped over dead. The motorman's fatal illness struck him between the 34th and 14th Street stations of the line, and he apparently fought off death until he could safely halt the train. He died, said a physician, at the instant he brought the train to a stop.

Wind Grounds Plane

SUDBURY.—High winds Sunday grounded most of the planes at the Sudbury air base. A plane owned by Harold Milligan took off in the wind, rose about twenty feet, and landed uninjured about thirty feet from the hangar. Milligan tied his plane after that and decided there had been enough flying for one day.

Fears Mass Suicide

FUENFKIRCHEN, Hungary.—Darkness, hunger and danger of death from explosions failed to shake the determination of 275 miners to remain on a "stay down" strike in the coal pits here until their demands for a 20 per cent. wage increase are met.

Batteries in the strikers' lamps have burned out. Their only supplies were sugar and liquor.

PECS, Hungary. — Two demonstrators were shot and killed and six, including two women, wounded in a clash with police near the mine where 267 coal miners were entrenched on strike.

Three hundred men and women engaged in the demonstration and stoned police as they tried to clear the way to the pithead. The six injured were taken to hospital.

Mine Director Schick, who said he thought the demonstrators were Communist sympathizers, said the demonstration occurred after the striking miners returned unopened a letter sent to them by the management. The Government launched an investigation of the troubles.

Need Riot Says Mother

FORT ERIE.—Treatment accorded her 17-year-old son Harold in school here brought Mrs. Morley Spratt before the Fort Erie board of education with the remark: "What we need is a riot like in Guelph in our high school."

If such a riot occurred, she said, there would be an investigation "and cleaning up."

She said her son had to stand in a hallway for 35 minutes one day because he misbehaved.

Principal H. E. Thompson said Spratt's teacher found him shooting paper balls with an elastic band. He said the case was being investigated.

Hungry Strikers Refuse Pies

LOS ANGELES. — Ten men went hungry in a pie factoy this week.

Conducting a "sit-down" strike for 25 per cent. wage increases, they have had no food from the outside and now decline to eat the company product. There are dietic as well as moral reasons for this, they said:

We won't touch a non-union pie," said Paul Magyar.

Salesgirls Hold Fast

DETROIT.—One hundred and fifty "five-and-ten" girls slept in the assembly room of Detroit's central F. W. Woolworth store while their leaders debated whether to include other units of the company's forty-store metropolitan chain in a "sit-down" strike.

A meeting of the Strike Committee of the Waiters' and Waitresses' Union was postponed without explanation. Plans for pressing the strike were to have been formulated at the meeting.

A. J. Dahlquist, District Superintendent of the chain, said all stores in the Detroit area would open in the morning with the exception of the main one held by striking girls.

Rules Millar Will Valid

TORONTO.—Upholding the decision of Mr. Justice Middleton, court of appeal at Osgoode Hall recently ruled the "baby-race" clause of the Charles Vance Millar will valid and held that mothers of illegitimate children are not entitled to share.

The clause leaves the half million dollar residue of the eccentric lawyer's estate to the mother giving birth in Toronto to the most children within 10 years from Millar's death as shown by registration under the Vital Statistics Act.

Appeals of I. F. Hellmuth and Samuel Factor, on behalf of relatives attacking the validity of the clause on the grounds that it offended against public policy, and of John R. Cartwright on behalf of Mrs. Pauline May Clarke, were dismissed.

In delivering the judgment of the full court Chief Justice N. W. Rowell indicated the findings were unanimous. He pointed out that Mr. Justice Middleton had held that in the clause under consideration the word "children" meant legitimate children and did not include illegitimate children.

Toxoid Campaign

RICHMOND HILL. — Within the next few weeks it is expected that every school child and every preschool child in this village will have received the complete course of anti-diphtheria toxoid. One of the largest groups to turn out so far was toxoided at the public school Monday and Dr. Rolph L. Langstaff medical officer of health, stated that the village is now in a fair way to cut down the danger of any serious epidemic to a minimum. "The parents of the younger children have shown a lively interest in the matter," saide one of the teachers, "and seldom has a movement been promoted showing such an excellent response."

Favour Strike

TORONTO. — Following a meeting ni the Labor Temple of members of the International Brotherhood of Maintenance - of - Way Employees working on the Canaian National Railways, H. R. Dancy, Chairman of the union, stated there was a pronounced feeling among the men in favor of a strike to secure a restoration of their wage-cuts.

The meeting, Dancy stated, had been called to explain the statement issued recently along with the ballot sent to all members of the seventeen unions working for the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific Railways. The ballots must be returned by March 15, he said.

"The maintenance - of - way employees are receiving $19.68 for a week of 48 hours. There are other railroad workers earning less. While I cannot say so officially, the workers are in favor of a strike," said Dancy.

Famous Editor Passes

NEY YORK. — Unable to combat pulmonary congestion following a heavy cold, Rollo Ogden, 81, editor of the New York Times since 1922, died here this week.

Famous with the profession of journalism, Ogden's name was not well known to the general public because his work was done in the editorial columns of the Times, where writers are anonymous. Throughout his long service in journalism, he was associated with only three newspapers — the Times, the New York Evening Post and, for a time, the Manchester Guardian of England, for which he was New York correspondent.

Oliva Dionne Appreciates Act of Government

CALLANDER, Ont. — In two sentences, Oliva Dionne confirmed an announcement in the Ontaio Legislature that he had become "one of the keenest advocates of continued Governmental protection and assistance" for his quintuplet children.

At his home across the road from Dafoe Nursery, where the quints live apart from the rest of the family, Dionne said: "We appreciate the protection of the Government. We couldn't get along without it."

It was the first admission by the slender father that he agreed in any way with Ontario legislation under which all business and personal arrangements for the quints are in the hands of a board of guardians. A member of the board, Dionne seldom, if ever, attended a meeting of the board.

$100,000 Price Asked For E. P. Ranch

Three Groups, One From Toronto, Were Negotiating for Purchase—Duke Needs Money.

OTTAWA.—One hundred thousand dollars is the approximate price anticipated for the Duke of Windsor's Alberta ranch, now for sale under the direction of an English bank, it is learned in Ottawa.

Three groups of prospective purchasers were negotiating for it, one of them a Toronto group, but the Toronto group is understood to have to have dropped out.

The ranch, soon to pass from the ownership of the Duke, is regarded as one of the finest in Canada. It has oil potentialities which have never been probed. It is understood the Duke of Windsor is in need of the cash expected to be involved in any transfer.

Relax Restrictions on Lumber Exports

REGINA.—A bill to relax restrictions on shipments of timber from Saskatchewan for pulp and paper manufacturing was given second reading in the Legislature this week.

The bill would enable the Province to salvage burned-over timber that is fast deteriorating. It is designed to bring to completion negotiations which have been in progress between the Government and certain Wisconsin interests.

Existing legislation does not permit export of timber for pulp and paper manufacture. The bill would restrict shipments to timbers that would deteriorate rapidly.

17 Different Ways and None Correct

NEW YORK. — Seventeen crack spellers from New York University and Hunter College managed to spell the name of the German Nazi emblem seventeen different ways and none was correct. The word, which stumped an intercollegiate spelling contest, was "fylfot," synonym for "swastika."

Vincent Massey Visits Canada's New Destroyers

CHATHAM, ENGLAND. — Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner, accompanied by Mrs. Massey, visited Canada's new destroyers, the Fraser and St. Laurent, Saturday. They were met at the Chatham dockyard by Captain V. G. Brodeur, commander of the Fraser, and were received by Admiral Sir E. R. Evans. Then they boarded the St. Laurent, where the officers of both destroyers were introduced. The High Commissioner spoke to the crews briefly at the quayside and lunched on board the Fraser, where he presented silver cigaret boxes to the wardroom mess of both ships.

Hunt For Oil

VICTORIA.—British Columbia has joined the Western Canada hunt for oil, which the optimists of the oil fields hope and prophesy ultimately is to mean "from $75,000,000 to $100,000,000 per year" to Canada.

British Columbia's quest for oil is being pursued in a 50 square miles area bordering on Alberta and Montana. Flathead, where they have drilled 4,000 feet through hard rock, in contrast to the spasmodic hard rock strata underlying Turner Valley, Alberta, is the scene of present B.C. efforts. Wells may have to be sunk 8,000 feet here to the limestone, as against 6,000 feet in Alberta. The cost of each exploratory venture is likely to be a quarter million dollars or nearly twice as much as the average Alberta well.

SPORT REPORTER
By KEN EDWARDS

Napoleon Lajoie is probably the only ball player who ever signed a contract on the back of an envelope.

Ty Cobb, Jr., son of the greatest baseball player that ever lived is the University of Georgia's new court coach.

Did you know about "toughy" Eddie Shore; at the top of National Hockey League fame for many years . . . . he led his own orchestra before his hockey debut, saxaphoning all the way . . . look out, maybe Vallee is tough, and we don't know it.

It has been my privilege in the past to talk with all kinds of speed demons, holders of records on land and water (including Sir Malcolm Campbell, the man who drives faster than a bullet), but never have I had a tete a tete with a paracuhte jumper, nevertheless, I have gathered facts that should be of interest.

Parachute jumpers are usually called members of the "Suicide Squadron."

John Tranum, an Englishman, fell 17,500 feet before pulling the rip-cord of his parachute. One would probably think a jump like this would mistaken, as I was. Gene Austin, vetmistakes, as I was. Gene Austin, veteran jumper, stepped off a plane at 20,000 feet, falling 16,000 feet before doing anything about it and received $50 as per contract.

Austin says he travelled 120 miles an hour in this jump. He says after about 1,500 feet you take your first somersault, and reminds us not to pull the rip-cord unless we are horizontal to the earth and facing it, otherwise we will experience a terriffic jolt . . . say, wait a minute, who's doing this? . . . thanks just the same, Gene. Happy landing.

Financial Review

OTTAWA. — Following are highlights in the financial review presented today in the House of Commons dring the Budget Speech of Finance Minister Charles Dunning:

Estimated grand total expenditures fiscal year 1936-37 of $539,518,000 against total revenues $452,120,000, leaving gross deficit of $87,395,000

Revenues highest of any other year in Canadian history except 1928-29, largely due to sales and income tax increases.

Ordinary expenditures $51,528,000 less than ordinary revenues, showing first surplus on ordinary account in many years.

General improvement in all branches economic activity except building and agricultural production, but compensating increase in prices of farm products.

Dividend distribution highest since 1930 and increased 13 per cent., as compared with 1935.

A warning against speculative fever such as brought on the financial collapse of 1929 and expression of the Government's hopes this movement may be restrained.

"Disheartening" failure of numbers on relief diminishing proportionately with revival of business.

Aberhart Admits Failure Of Plan In Time Pledged

Asks Vote of Party—Fulfils Promise of 1935 That If Social Credit Not Established In Eighteen Months He Would Appeal To The People—Premier Only Seeks Advice of Followers, He Declares—No Comment Is Asked From Political Opponents

CALGARY.—The fate of the Aberhart Government was entrusted Sunday to the men and women of Alberta who elected it, the first Social Credit Administration in the world, in 1935.

From the pulpit of the Calgary Prophetic Bible Institute, Premier William Aberhart admitted his failure to establish social credit in Alberta in the eighteen-month time limit he set in the election campaign. He asked his constituency organizations to advise him whether he should resign or carry on his efforts toward establishment of a new economic order. He desired no advice from political opponents.

Honest Government

In the meantime, the Aberhart Administration will carry on until the men and women who elected it have expressed their wishes. The Premier suggested no association votes be taken until the first week in June, although he would welcome expressions of opinion any time.

"May I assure you we are not throwing up our hands," the Premier cautioned his supporters. He impressed on them he had no intention of resigning unless the people desired a change, either in leadership or party.

"We are more and more convinced," he said, "that the new economic order can only be introduced by constant and gradual pressure until our people realize its true worth and full value. We still are anxious to continue our endeavors and you can be assured of honest government."

Meanwhile, the Government was pushing ahead, Mr. Aberhart said, and this was no time for "lukewarmness and half-heartedness." Legislation to take the "final moves for further action" would be presented at the present session of the Legislature. One of the reasons why he suggested the vote of his supporters be delayed until June was to see this legislation enacted.

Says Promise a Contract

The Premier said many "strange rumors and old wives' tales" had been flying around the past few days about his possible resignation. He could say definitely he was not resigning.

"At the time of the Provincial election in Alberta, previous to August, 1935," Mr. Aberhart said: "I made you a definite promise. I made it not for the purpose of gaining your support, but for the reason that I wanted to give you definite assurance that you would be making no mistake in honoring us with your confidence. That you did splendidly.

"Now, I believe that a promise is a contract that should be fulfilled if at all possible, and it is my intention to fulfill my promise today.

"I promised our supporters faithfully that in eighteen months I would try to establish Social Credit in Alberta, and if, for some reason, I was unable to do so I would tell them frankly and leave the matter in their hands whether I should continue my efforts further or resign.

"Next Tuesday, March 2, the eighteen months will have passed and, as you know, in spite of all our efforts, we have been unable to introduce Social Credit as we had hoped. Probably, the reasons for our failure are more or less evident to you.

March 9 Set As Budget Day

Ontario House to Receive Year's Figures a Week From Tuesday

TORONTO.—Premier Hepburn announced Sunday night that Budget day in the Ontario Legislature had been set for Tuesday, March 9.

The Cabinet spent all Saturday afternoon putting the semi-final touches to various estimates and to the balance of the legislative program which will be revealed before the session ends.

Some twenty speakers, Liberal and Conservative, are to be heard this week before the debate on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne is wound up. It will require night sittings, Tuesday and Thursday, and probably Wednesday, to dispose of them.

Highlights of Budget

OTTAWA.—Following are highlights in the Budget forecast presented in the House of Commons Thursday by Finance Minister Charles Dunning:

Estimated expenditures for 1937-38 for all purposes, $520,000,000; estimated revenues, $485,000,000, leaving a deficit of $35,000,000, which is equal to the net cash deficit of the Canadian National Railways.

Forecast of balanced Budget at end of fiscal year 1937-38, provided present improvement maintained.

No change in income, excise or sales taxes, but some additions to exemptions under sales tax.

Numerous downward revisions of tariff rates in general, intermediate and preferential schedules, apart from changes incidental to the new Canada-United Kingdom Trade Agreement.

Free entry to Canada from all countries of small personal gifts.

Restoration next April 1 to 5 per cent. reduction from civil servant salaries, now applied to all salaries of $1,200 or over.

Total trade in 1936 up to $1,633,093,000, an increase of $274,435,000 over 1935.

Canada advances to fourth place among trading nations of world in export trade, and fifth place in total trade.

Visible and invisible trade figures, including tourist traffic, show Canada to have a favourable balance of $617,000,000 of exports over imports.

During the last fiscal year tourists spent $250,000,000, an increase of 24 per cent. over the previous period.

Since the new Canada-United States trade pact became effective, exports to the United States have increased 26 per cent. and imports by Canada 18 per cent.

Head-On Crash Fatal to Five

Three Children and Driver Killed Instantly in Nova Scotia—Tot Dies In Hospital

MIDDLETON, N.S.—Death of 5-year-old Mary Eisen in hospital here increased to five the number killed in a highway accident at near-by Wilmot Hill Saturday.

The child died late Sunday night, less than twelve hours after her two sisters succumbed to injuries suffered in the head-on collision of two automobiles shortly before noon yesterday.

The two other Eisen girls killed in the accident were Agnes 7, and Georgina, 3. Arnold Keddy, driver of one of the cars, was killed almost instantly and 7-year-old Keith Hatt, one of five children in the two cars, died before he could receive medical treatment.

There were few details of the collision, but it was believed one of the cars was on the wrong side of the road as it approached the summit of Wilmot Hill.

Hospital authorities said Sunday the condition of Mrs. Mary Noble, one of the five survivors of the accident, was still critical. The others, most of them painfully injured, were expected to recover.

Mrs. Mary Eisen, mother of three of the victims, was one of those injured. She and her family were in an automobile driven by Arnesley Hatt, father of Keith and Willoughby Hatt, also occupants of the car.

The car driven by Keddy contained his brother Wilfred, who suffered a fractured leg and internal injuries, and Gordon Hudson also seriously injured.

Passengers of both cars were residents of this district.

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Ethiopian Leaders Render Unto Caesar That Which Is Caesar's

A delegation of Ethiopian leaders visits Premier Mussolini in Rome—at the specific request of Il Duce—on a social scale. While the bearded visitor eyes the conqueror of his country sternly, the one in the centre smiles and bows humbly.