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Agrostologists to Meet at Aberystwyth, Wales

TORONTO.—Delegates from Canada and the United States will meet other eminent agrostologists from all the principal countries of the world at the fourth International Grassland Congress, which will be held at Aberystwyth, Wales, in July, 1937. The congress will consider different aspects of the grassland problem, including ecology, pasture and range management, seed mixtures, plant breeding, genetics and seed production, manures and fertilizers, nutritive value of pastures, fodder conservation and grassland economics.

Cow Has Quadruplets

BETHUNE, Sask. — George Seigmeth's purebred shorthorn cow has done tis best to help him through a bad year on his southern Saskatchewan farm. She gave birth to quadruplets last week. Two of the calves survived and are doing well.

To Aid Flying

OTTAWA.—A radio and meteorological reporting station will be constructed at Port Harrison on the east coast of Hudson Bay, Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Transport, announced this week.

"The inception of the trans-atlantic and trans-Canadian services has made it necessary that reliable weather reports covering conditions over wide areas should be available at all times," the Minister said. "Meteorologists are of the opinion that a station at this point will help greatly in making these reports more complete. Port Harrison is roughly half way between Churchill, Man., and the Labrador coast, and will provide a quick means of communication with the outside world for this part of Canada.

"This station will be of value as an aid to navigation in Hudson Bay, and of service to the Department of Mines and Resources; also to the Mounted Police in connection with the administration of their services. It will be equipped with long and short wave transmitters of the latest design, providing for transmission both by radiophone and international Morse code.

Poultry Protection

HAMILTON.—James Waldron, of Hamilton, was acquitted of cruelty to animals, Magistrate H. A. Burbidge holding that accused was justified in protecting his poultry against the attack of a wire-haired terrier which Waldron admitted killing with a rake handle.

Waldron said he struck two blows to ward off the animal, and one broke its neck. Controller Donald McFarlane was special prosecutor for the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Waldron produced an injured rooster to show the result of the dog's visit, and said another bird was so seriously injured he had to destroy it.

Use of Air Mail Strongly Urged

OTTAWA. — The Department of Trade and Commerce strongly advises Canadian exporters in the case of urgent correspondence, particularly with outlying parts of the world, to take advantage of the air mail facilities which are now available from Canada. As illustrating the saving of time that can be affected by this means in comparison with non-air routing a table has been prepared showing that from Toronto or Montreal to Bombay, India, there is a saving of eight days by air mail. From Toronto or Montreal to Capetown, South Africa, an air mail letter will go in 17 days, compared with 25 days by steamer. To Crystobal, Panama, there is a saving of six days by air mail; to Rio de Janeiro, a saving of eight days, and to Buenos Aires, a saving of twelve days.

B. C. Reduces Relief By 27 Per Cent.

VICTORIA.—The British Columbia relief department announced last week relief rolls in May of this year were 27 per cent. less than in the same month of 1936. Monthly statistics issued by the department showed 65,223 persons dependent on unemployment relief during May, 1936, compared with 88,090 in May a year ago. In April this year 73,825 persons were receiving assistance.

Homework For Teachers

TORONTO. — More than 6,000 teachers in Ontario will give up a month of their summer vacation to take refresher courses or to improve their professional and academic status. The number this year is nearly twice as many as in 1935, and many

Forecloses on $200,000 Doukhobor Mortgage

VANCOUVER.—Mr. Justice D. A. McDonald in Supreme Court Chambers has appointed D. D. Munro, Vancouver Manager of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, receiver for a large portion of the holdings of the Christian Community of Universal Brotherhood, Ltd., in British Columbia.

About 15,000 acres of the Doukhobor property in the vicinity of Brilliant and Grand Forks, in Southeastern British Columbia, is mortgaged to the Sun Life to secure $200,000.

A foreclosure action has been instituted against the Doukhobor organization by the mortgagee to recover its principal together with $10,000 interest and $30,000 in taxes. The receiver was named at the request of the Sun Life.

The defendant has not yet appeared to contest the foreclosure suit.

French-Canadian's Cow Wins Breeders' Awards

OTTAWA. — Joseph P. Beauchemin, Vercheres, Que., is the first French-Canadian owner of an Ayrshire cow that has won the double award of a Canadian Ayrshire Breeders' Association meritorious production gold seal certificate and membership in the American Ayrshire Breeders' Association hundred-thousand-pound club.

A 14-year-old cow, St. Blain Printaniere, owned by Beauchemin, is the 19th Canadian Ayrshire to win the awards. The cow produced 100,198 pounds of milk, 4,515 pounds of butterfat, 4.46 per cent., in 2,580 milking days.

Says Cancer Still Balks Medical Research

OTTAWA.—A noted French radiologist told the Canadian and Ontario Medical Associations science can trace step by step the organic changes that result in cancer, but continues to be balked by the mysterious transformation that turns a benign growth into a malignant one.

The associations heard Dr. Antoine Lacassagne, radiologist at the Curie Institute in Paris, describe experiments on mice, in which it was possible to promote growth of tumors which eventually become cancers through injection of oestrone, the female sex hormone.

King Formally Opens New Sculpture Hall

LONDON.—The King formally opened the new Duveen Sculpture Halls at the Tate Art Gallery this week. "These sculpture galleries are the finest in the world," the King said in a brief dedication speech. The new galleries are a gift to the nation from Lorne Duveen, and cost $493,000.

Moscow Flight Planned By Jimmy Mattern

WASHINGTON.—Jimmy Mattern, the flier, is seeking White House aid to carry out his projected refueling flight from Oakland, Calif., to Moscow in August.

Mattern and Senator Sheppard (D., Tex.) conferred with Secretary Marvin H. McIntyre. Sheppard said the Commerce Department's Aviation Bureau discourages all "pioneer flights" of that character as too hazardous.

McIntyre informed them where to go for further conference, presumably the Commerce Department.

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THE MARKETS

POULTRY & EGGS

Buying prices:

Toronto dealers are quoting producers for ungraded eggs, delivered, cases returned:

Eggs—			
Grade A large	22	to	00
Grade A medium	20	to	00
Grade B	18	to	00
Grade C	16	to	00

Dealers are quoted on graded eggs cases free

Grade A large	24	to	00
Grade A medium	22	to	23
Grade B	19	to	20
Grade C	18	to	19

POULTRY

Prices paid to country shippers:

	Dressed. Sel. A.	Sel. B.	Milk Fed A.
Spring Broilers—			
1 to 1½ lbs.	16	14	18
1½ to 3 lbs.	18	16	20
3 to 4 lbs.	19	17	21
4 lbs. and over	20	18	22

	Dressed. Sel. A.	Sel. B.
Fatted Hens—		
Over 5 lbs.	15	13
4 to 5 lbs.	14	12
3½ to 4 lbs.	12	11
3 to 3½ lbs.	11	10
Old Roosters—		
Over 5 lbs.	12	10

(Red and black feathered birds 2c per lb. less than above prices.)

Other Fowl—		
Guinea Fowl, per pair	75	00

Note: C grade poultry 3c below B grade.

Faint Radio Signals Spurs Hunt for Earhart

U. S. Destroyers and Aircraft Carrier Race to Scene — Exact Location Hard to Determine, But Cutter Switches Course — Down Since Friday

HONOLULU — Six United States warships raced over the Pacific Sunday night in the greatest sea hunt ever mobilized as faint radio signals, crackling out of the desolate ocean stretches along the Equator, gave almost certain proof that Amelia Earhart and her flying companion, Capt. Fred Noonan, were alive, either adrift or on a reef south of Howland Island.

The signals, first contact made with the $80,000 "Flying Laboratory" since it was forced down Friday on a flight from Lae, New Guinea, were received by three powerful radio stations here in response to a broadcast by Station KGMB at Honolulu.

Pan American Airways' direction finder picked up the calls at Mokapu Point, and estimated the origin was south of tiny Howland Island. The station said it could not place the location exactly, due to the weakness of the signals.

MESSAGES REPORTED

Meanwhile from other points came reports, all apparently coinciding, of messages received by voice radio from the missing plane.

Naval Operations Headquarters at Washington, D. C., ordered the aircraft carrier Lexington, with between 80 and 90 planes aboard, to proceed from San Diego, Cal., under forced draught directly to the Howland Island area to aid in the search.

Four destroyers —the Cushing, Perkins, Lampson and Drayton— raced over the Pacific with the Lexington to join the battleship Colorado, already plowing towards Howland from Honolulu.

The Coast Guard cutter Itasca, cruising northwest of Howland in search of the plane, changed its course after receiving reports of the signals picked up by Pan American, and headed across the Equator toward a point about 200 miles below Howland.

A huge naval patrol plane was ready to take off from Pearl Harbor if weather reports indicated it could make the 1,900-mile flight to Howland. A navy plane was forced to turn back Sunday.

The signals picked up by Pan America's direction finder were described as "carrier wave" signals on Miss Earhart's sending band. The Coast Guard and Wailupe naval radio stations both picked up similar signals quite strongly, they reported. The Wailupe station said it got a man's voice.

Station KGMB broadcast about 7 a.m., P.S.T. (11 a.m., E.D.T.), to the last plane: "If you hear this signal answer by dashes."

At 7.15 a.m. the Makapu station reported it got a response, but it was so weak the Pan American direction finders were not able to locate its exact position.

However, the station estimated it was "southeast of Howland," which for the first time, placed the plane in a location south of the island instead of northwest.

A Brisk Trade In Farm Implements

Reflects an Improvement in Farm Conditions

BRIGDEN. — With crop prospects the best in seeral years throughout the district, farmers are seizing the opportunity to repair worn implements and in many cases to replace them with new machinery and as a result local implement dealers report report one of the busiest seasons the have experienced in many years. The situation seems to indicate that not only are crops prospects good but that the farmers have sufficient money to make the changes and are willing to spend it because of the likelihood of good returns from this season's operations.

With the haying season well under way the majority of the sales so far have been of machinery for this operation and have included everything from new mowing equipment to rope for the loading machinery. New tractors have also been included in the sales and although it will be late next month before the harvest will be begun, already several farmers have considered the purchase of new binders and other equipment for that operation. One local dealer has four new binders on hand and ready for delivery within a short time.

About as bright as the clerk who, asked "What have you in the shape of cucumbers?" answered, "We have some very nice bananas" — Owen Sound Sun-Times.

Joked About Howland Island

Several months ago, when Amelia Earhart disclosed plans for her round-the-world flight, a reporter asked her how big Howland Island would look on the map compared with the other places she would visit, and she smilingly held up her hand as shown. Now missing, she apparently missed the tiny island in her flight from New Guinea. Below, George Palmer Putnam, her husband, and Mrs. Frederick J. Noonan, whose husband is navigator for the noted aviatrix, shown watching teletype machines in Oakland, Cal., as they anxiously awaited word of the two fliers.

NEWS PARADE

Commentary on the HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEKS NEWS ---

By Peter Randal

Karl Radek, noted Soviet political commentator sentenced, to ten years at hard labor for alleged Trotskyist activities, last January, was released last week and is living in a small village near Moscow. Radek is said to have been granted his freedom by the Political Bureau of the Communist Party for exposure of military espionage activities.

Since that sensational trial, eight generals have heard the famous "seventy-three-hour sentence" passed upon them by their comrades of the highest military command and—there was no appeal.

Many political commentators have tried to weight the significance of these trials. Do they mean the growth of an organized opposition to the personal leadership of Stalin? Do they represent the activities of a foreign power? Are they actually connected with that famous and most unwanted man in the world, Trotsky? No one seems to know the answer but there is a great deal of guessing being done.

Walter Duranty, for many years special correspondent for the New York Times in Russia, thinks the recent trials may be one indication of an increasing desire on the part of the Russian masses for a bourgois democracy. Quite conceivably Trotsky may have had something to do with the turn of events. It is well known that he is eating his heart out in exile. But whether or not he was the mainspring, Trotsky forms the focal point for all forms of opposition to the existing regime. Many regard the wholesale trials on all charges as a government exhibition which serves the double purpose of ridding it of uncomfortable opponents while impressing the masses with its power. Radek's part may well have been that of a great actor playing, as he thought, for the good of his country.

A Torpedo Started It

Diplomats have long ears when it suits their purpose. Last week, the officer of the German cruiser Leipzig thought they heard the passage of a torpedo near the ship. The German Government promptly assumed that the ship had been attacked by Loyalist forces, withdrew from the Non-Intervention patrol, though still remaining a member of the committee and announced that nothing short of a rebel victory would be satisfactory. Now all this action seems rather drastic to be occasioned by some body passing swiftly through the water in the neighborhood of a warship. Chancellor Hitler made it clear why Germany was taking such action. It was at a gathering of 80,000 Bavarian Nazis. The real reason was not the Leipzig incident, but German cupidity for the iron ores of Bilbao. The mines in this region are little damaged and Franco is said to be putting them into operation again as swiftly as possible. That Franco may now hold a trump card in his hands is indicated by Britain's need of the same Bilbao ore as the essential raw material for most of her tremendous rearmament project.

18 Years After

And as Europe struggled vainly on the verge of a second world war and as a British Prime Minister addressed an appeal to the dictators of Europe for "cool heads and calm judgment," there were those who recalled the signing of a treaty whose eighteenth anniversary was celebrated last week. There isn't much left of that famous treaty signed at Versailles. Germany has regained her national independence in every respect. There only remains a matter of 1,803,879 miles of territory in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Pacific Islands and about 17,000000 people who should be Germans but for the signing of the troublesome treaty. Both of these Chancellor Hitler swears he will regain. Just how long it will be before he has sufficient strength to make his bluff a reality, no one rightly knows.

Anglo-American Friendship

And while the dogs of Europe strain to reach imaginary throats across international boundaries, the great English speaking countries of the world tried to reach some form of common economic ground. The Anglo-American Treaty seen as a possible outgrowth of the Imperial Conference is said to be progressing to a point where definite action may be expected before the end of the year. Canada, while affected through possible concessions on lumber and fruits is hoping for a new deal on American-Canadian reciprocity. New Zealand and Australia think of the political angle with eyes aslant at Japan and the necessity of a good friend in time of need. South Africa is favorable to a nation which is her best gold customer. And so the bargaining goes on between nations even as between you and me.

Mystic Power

The United States is said to be the richest nation in the world today. It is the only country which could develop swiftly by encouraging the digging of precious metals from the ground in the days of the last century only to reserve the policy by putting the metal back into the ground in the recovery days of 1937. When brokers talk of gold stabilization and sterilization, they refer to that quaint habit of the national miser—filling a hole in the ground at Fort Knox with gold bars. Back in '49 the digging of gold set the world on its feet; will the opposite policy succeed today? Roosevelt and his Secretary of State, Cordell Hull, are hoping so.

Only a rich nation could afford a national debt such as that possessed by the United States. Present figures stand at $36,000,000,000, a trifling matter of $1,300,000,000 above the Presidential estimate in January.

Employment Index

And here is a big Canadian figure that is going to please a lot of people. Canadian employment figures for June are higher than they have been at any time since 1930; 10,178 employers report payrolls aggregating 1,087,735 or an increase of 7.5 per cent over the same period last year. The stock market may be flat, there may be international jitters; but there are a good many more pay cheques going home on Saturday night and that means something to the man on the street.

Market Inquiry Start Is Made

Canadian Officials Scanning Ways Of Increasing Farm Exports To Britain — May Improve Produce.

LONDON. — Dean Shaw head of the new Markets Branch of the Canadian Department of Agriculture, and several high officials of the department have started an inquiry into ways and means of increasing exports of Canadian farm produce to the British market. Members of the party spent considerable time in Canada House discussing plans for their investigation and obtaining advice on the best ways of proceeding. These conversations removed misunderstandings of the purposes in view.

The opinion has been held here that Shaw proposed initiating a campaign in Britain to enlarge the market of Canadian exports. Such a campaign, sponsored by Canada House, has been under way nearly a year and is meeting with unprecedented success. Inasmuch as Canada House was not consulted with respect to the mission of Dean Shaw, fears were held that the mission might involve duplication of work and expenditure.

It now develops that the investigation is not concerned with the British end of marketing, but rather with the reforms needed in Canada to make Canadian produce more acceptable here. Shaw and his associates will study the British markets with a view to discovering the mistakes now being made by Canadian producers and exporters.

They will then do their utmost to educate the producers to ship their produce in ways acceptable to the market. It is recognized that great improvements are possible in this direction and the work of Shaw can be facilitated to the greatest possible extent by Canadian officials in London. Misconceptions previously existing arose from the fact that the only information available in official quarters here regarding the proposed investigation was received from the Canadian Hansard and newspapers.

Weaker Sex Not So Weak

Survey Shows Men Lose More Time on Account of Illness

LONDON, Eng. — On an average, women have a smaller percentage of incapacity caused by illness than men, according to investigations made by the British National Federation of Employers' Approved Societies. This was disclosed by the president, Henry Lesser, during an address at the annual meeting in London.

He said that a recent investigation showed that during the last six years there was a little over 10 days' sickness per woman in each year compared with 11 days for each man.

Maybe it's those Teuton tailors, but Herr Hitler could stand a good $150 United States custom-made suit. And some one ought to tip Adolf that a well-dressed dictator always wears a waistcoat in public.