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More Russians Executed

MOSCOW.—Firing squads this week wiped out 10 more Russians convicted of being enemies of the Soviet regime.

Among them were three restaurant cooks from Leningrad province accused of serving spoiled pork. It was charged 15 persons were poisoned by eating pork cutlets served with what the court called "wilful counter-revolutionary intentions" during the recent Leningrad anti-air raid drills.

The other seven executed at Leningrad were said to have confessed they were "rightist wreckers" in collective farming projects at Novgorod.

Probe Begins

OTTAWA.—With an announcement by the chairman, Chief Justice Rowell, that "a statement will be made when we are through our two-day conference," the Royal Commission which is to investigate the relations between the Dominion and Provincial Governments, and report on any desirable change, was organized here this week. The first conferences are in camera while the commission takes its bearings, surveys the wide ground it is to cover and determines the procedure.

French Statesmen Warn

PARIS.—Former Premier of France, Leon Blum, inferentially laid some of the blame for new perils to Europe's peace at the door of Italy in an address this week to a Socialist rally at Velizy.

Referring to the formal Italian acknowledgment that Italians had participated in the drive of Insurgent General Franco against Government-held Santander, Blum declared:

"The capture of Santander was feted like an Italian victory. The intervention of Italy has taken on a public character. Italy not only confesses it but proclaims it."

He said "foreign non-intervention in Spain has never suffered a heavier blow than in recent days."

Yvon Delbos, foreign minister in Premier Chautemps' Cabinet, told the interparliamentary congress at Versailles:

"There must be vigorous action by all peoples who understand that to prevent war they must show the strength of their unity.

Joe Louis Shows Emotion

TORONTO. — Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, was excited as a schoolboy at the C. N. E. last week. He saw the Mounties!

"Boy, this sho am the most thrilling moment of ma life," he drawled as he tucked the autographs of two members of the R.C.M.P. away in his vest pocket.

Chinese Reds Join Government

SHANGHAI.—The ten-year war between Chinese Communists and the Nanking Central Government, costing 100,000 lives and laying waste interior Chinese Provinces, ended officially this week.

The Government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, fighting against Japanese invasion, declared in a communique that Communists and non-Communists, faced by a common enemy, now were united to drive the foe from their homeland.

"The Chinese Government and the Communist Army have been fighting for the last ten years," the communique said. 'This is the official conclusion of the war."

Hitler Hits at Russia

NUREMBERG, Germany. — Reichsfuehrer Hitler has flung a warning at Moscow that "Germany never will be conquered now—either from without or within."

"Let this be a warning to those who would seek from Moscow to set the world afire," he declared at a gigantic ceremony of devotion at the National Socialist Congress.

The centre of an awe-inspiring spectacle of lights that penetrated through miles of a star-studded sky, of 140,000 brown-uniformed party functionaries, of the gleaming gold tips of 34,000 massed black-white-red Nazi banners, Hitler made his declaration in a voice become husky from days of speeches.

Minimum Wage For Alberta

EDMONTON.—Basic minimum wage for all male employees in Alberta will be established in the "very near future," Hon. E. C. Manning, Provincial Minister of Trade and Industry, announced this week.

Schedules, authorized under the Male Minimum Wage Act of 1936 have been discussed by the Board of Industrial Relations and the Provincial Cabinet, the Minister said, and the whole matter is receiving the 'most careful consideration."

Exports Increase

OTTAWA.—Canada wrote a favorable balance of $403,961,000 at the bottom of its external trade records in the twelve months ended July 31. This is an increase of $61,863,000 over the credit balance for the preceding twelve months, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reported this week.

Domestic exports expanded 22.8 per cent. from $918,751,000 to $1,128,508,000 and foreign re-exports 26.6 per cent. from $12,500,000 to $15,830,000. Imports were 39.5 per cent. heavier, the total being $740,377,000 compared with $589,153,000.

Total trade mounted to $1,884,714,000, a gain of 24 per cent. from $1,520,404,000.

Customs duties totalled $97,039,000, up 14.6 per cent. from $84,654,000.

Stock Market Off

NEW YORK.—In the second widest break since 1933, the stock market sold off in volume this week-end, carrying leaders down $1 to $6 a share, in a few cases much more, and many to new lows for a year or longer.

Hydro Rates Reduced

TORONTO.—Benefits to power consumers in 156 municipalities have now reached $1,252,706 as the result of the Ontario Hydro Commission's announcement this week-end that effective Aug. 1 a general reduction of $2 per horsepower in the interim rate for power in the Niagara system will go into effect. This is in addition to a previous cut of $2.50 per horsepower given by the Commission to most of the municipalities, making a total reduction of $4.50 per horsepower.

Canadian Wheat Production

OTTAWA.—Total wheat production in Canada is placed at 188,191,000 bushels in the first estimate issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This is composed of 168,999,999 bushels of spring wheat and 19,192,000 bushels of fall wheat.

Of the spring wheat the crop in the Prairie Provinces accounts for 164,000,000 bushels divided among Manitoba 53,000,000, Saskatchewan 35,000,000 and Alberta 76,000,000.

Nations War on "Pirates"

NYON, Switzerland.—Nine European nations, spurred to swift action by a Russian threat to take "our own measures" against Italy, have pooled their navies for a war on "pirate" submarines in the Mediterranean.

Italy, despite her boycott of the conference in this little Lake Geneva town, will be invited to take over one of the "piracy" zones and aid in hunting down phantom craft which Russia alleges are Italian U-boats.

Speedboat Title

TORONTO. — Gordon Adamson of Highland Park, Ill., drove his powerful little 225-class speedboat Delta to a world's title at the C.N.E. last week.

The championship was awarded him on total points in the three heats. He finished second in the final heat, was second in the postponed heat and fifth in the opening test Wednesday. His total score was 727.

Cholera Strikes Jap Army

SHANGHAI.—Pestilence this week came to the aid of more than 140,000 Chinese soldiers battering at the Japanese army and its covering warships in this war-devastated city.

It struck hardest at the Japanese army, clinging precariously to footholds on the banks of the Whangpoo and Yangtse rivers, and at more than a million Chinese civilian refugees cowering in the streets of the international settlement, the French Concession, and adjacent areas.

King's Cup Races Tragedy

SCARBOROUGH, Yorkshire.—Tragedy marred the first leg of the King's Cup air race, bringing death to Wing-Commander Percy C. Sherren, M.C., 44, distinguished Canadian officer of the Royal Air Force, and Wing-Commander E. C. Hilton, his pilot, when a squall sent their plane crashing at a turn.

More than 1,000 persons, including a Royal Air Force observer, saw the plane caught by a sudden gust in the northerly gale that was blowing. This point, which marked a turn, had proved dangerous to other racers.

Recover Bodies From Lake

POINT PELEE. — Searchers this week recovered from the waters of Lake Erie the bodies of two of the three Detroit men who perished when their airplane, flying from Detroit to Cleveland, plunged into the lake last Monday.

16 Drunks Sentenced

STRATFORD. — Sixteen motorists have been sentenced in police court here for drunken driving so far this year, compared to 10 at this time a year ago.

In all but two of the cases 14 and 21-day terms were imposed, and in one case the offender was given 30 days.

"The penalty in all cases depends upon the circumstances," Magistrate J. A. Makins said this week in commenting on the stiffer sentences being meted out. "The offender seldom gets any sympathy from the court because in the majority of cases he has had an accident and has thereby endangered life and property."

Martial Law In Paraguay

ASUNCION, Paraguay.—Provisional President Felix Paiva this week decreed a state of war, or martial law, throughout Paraguay in a move to prevent recurrence of the uprising which temporarily upset his Government Tuesday.

Canadian Debt Seven Billion

OTTAWA.—Canadians owe $7,039,091,538 through the operations of the various taxing authorities throughout the Dominion. The figure is, in all likelihood, considerably larger, for a Dominion Bureau of Statistics report issued last week covering Dominion, Provincial and municipal debts, gave the Dominion and Provincial amounts up to the end of 1936, and those of the municipalities up to the end of 1935 only.

To Minimize War Scare

LONDON, Eng.—Lord Beaverbrook is launching a campaign to have done with rumors of war, as he believes there will be no war. By editorials and the efforts of the brilliant cartoonist, Strube, the Canadian peer is endeavoring through the Daily Express and the Evening Standard to minimize the worrying effect of the insistent din of continental tomtoms.

Missing Dinghy Found

ST. CATHARINES.—The dinghy in which three Toronto men were missing since Saturday on Lake Ontario, was found this week-end near Port Weller, with one body in it.

Airplanes, speedboats and tugs had abandoned a wide search for the boat in which Fred Phillips, William McGavin and J. C. Heim, all of Toronto, set out across the lake Saturday.

The boat was found on the shore at the foot of North Vine street and the body was nearby. It was thought the bodies of the other missing men may be hidden in the boat.

Canadians Lose Jobs

WINDSOR, — Almost 20 Canadians have lost their jobs and 60 more face unemployment because a law passed by United States Congress, requiring 75 per cent of U. S. boat crews must be American citizens, has been applied to ferries plying the Detroit River.

Flying Boat Damaged

TORONTO, — The flying boat Cambria and her crew will be guests of Toronto for a few more days, as parts necessary to repair the big trans-atlantic ship will have to be sent from England. The machine was damaged while landing off the Exhibition waterfront.

Canada's Arms Program Exceeds Former Figures

Process of Rearmament Has Been Greatly Hastened in Past Few Months—102 New Planes Are on Order—Militia Being Reorganized—Total Expenditure on Arms Will Reach Height Unknown During Great War.

OTTAWA. — Canada's progress toward rearmament has been hastened in the past few months, following return to the Dominion of those Cabinet Ministers who attended the Imperial Defense Conference last May. Canadian aircraft factories are working on the program which calls for acquisition by the Royal Canadian Air Force of 102 planes. Shipyards on the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts are building four new minesweepers. Additional coast defense batteries are being emplaced. More men are being added to both the Royal Canadian Navy and the Royal Canadian Air Force.

Millions Will Be Spent

Last January Canada's estimates for the national defense program were boosted by approximately $14,000,000 over those of the preceding year. Amounting to $33,730,873, they have since been added to by supplementary votes; and their figure reached a height unknown since the Great War.

Prior to that Defense Minister Ian Mackenzie had completed reorganization of the non-permanent active militia, a force which corresponds to the British territorials and to the United States National Guard.

Mr. Mackenzie last December gave Canada a new military set-up. He reduced thirty-six cavalry regiments to twenty, of which he turned four into armored car units. A total of 135 regiments of infantry was whittled to ninety-one. These were again split into fifty-nine rifle battalions, twenty-six machine gun battalions and six tank battalions.

He increased the artillery by forty-one field, six medium and five anti-aircraft batteries. At the same time the administrative services were reorganized.

46,000 More Men

Provision was made this year for the training of 46,000 men, giving them from ten to fourteen days in summer camps additional to the normal training in their local drill halls.

The permanent force, which corresponds to the regular army, has a strength of 465 officers and 3,760 other ranks. They are distributed among artillery, cavalry, infantry and administrative units. Some batteries of artillery have been completely mechanized, while a number of armored cars have been acquired for the infantry, but little real progress has been made so far in the way of providing either the permanent or non-permanent force with tanks or anti-aircraft equipment.

Developments In Air

Four destroyers, distributed equally on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts, constitute Canada's naval strength. The destroyers are thoroughly modern, two of them having been completed only last year. The keels are laid of the four mine-sweepers. Naval personnel numbers 1,339 ranks and ratings.

Developments in the air, additional to numerous flying fields which are dotted throughout the country, contemplate construction of 12 fighter planes, 3 army co-operation machines, 7 flying boats, 24 bombers, 11 torpedo bombers, 18 coastal reconnaissance and 27 training planes. Progress is well under way with the increase of personnel to 195 officers and 1,498 airmen. Contracts have been let for most of the aircraft, the majority of which are to be built in Canada.

- THE - MARKETS

HAY AND STRAW

No. 2 timothy, old $10 to 11; new, $9 to $10 per ton; No. 3 timothy, $8 to $9; oats and wheat straw, $5.50 to $6.50. Above prices f.o.b. Toronto.

GRAIN QUOTATIONS

Following are closing quotations this week-end on Toronto grain transactions for car lots, prices on basis c.i.f. bay ports—

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.34⅛; No. 2 Northern, $1.28⅝; No. 3 Northern, $1.23⅝; No. 4 Northern, $1.19⅝.

Western oats—No. 2 C.W., 58¼c; No. 3 C.W., 57¼c; No. 1 feed, 56¼c.

Manitoba barley—No. 3 C.W, 64¼c; No. 5 C.W., 62¼c; No. 1 feed screenings, $25 per ton.

South African corn, 85c track, Montreal.

Ontario grain, approximate prices track shipping point—Wheat, $1.06 to $1.08; oats, 37c to 39c; barley, 50c to 52c; corn, 90c to 92c; rye, 75c to 79c; buckwheat, 51c to 53c; malting barley, 55c to 58c; milling oats, 37c to 39c.

POULTRY AND EGGS

Buying prices:

Toronto dealers this week-end were quoting producers for ungraded eggs, delivered, cases returned:

Eggs—		
Grade A large	24	to 00
Grade A medium	23	to 00
Peewees	12	to 00
Grade B	19	to 00
Grade C	16	to 00
Pullets	20	to 00

Dealers are quoted on graded eggs cases free:

Grade A large	26½	to 27
Grade A medium	25½	to 00
Grade B	22	to 00
Grade C	19	to 00

POULTRY

Prices paid to country shippers:

	Dressed. Sel. A	Sel. B.	Milk Fed A.
Spring Chickens			
1 to 2 lbs.	16	14	18
2 to 3 lbs.	17	16	20
3 to 4 lbs.	19	17	21
4 lbs. and over	20	18	22
5 lbs. and over	12	19	23

DAIRY PRODUCE

Butter—

Quotations to wholesale trade at Toronto.

Creamery solids, No. 1	26¾	to 27
do 38 score	25¾	to 26
do 37 score	24¾	to 25
do 36 score	23¾	to 24
Cheese		
New large (paraffined)	14½	to 14¾
do twins	14¾	to 15
do triplets	15	to 15¼
(Average price paid to shippers, f.o.b. country points.)		
New large (paraffined)	14	to 00
do triplets	14¼	to 00

SPORT TODAY

By KEN EDWARDS

Sir Malcolm Campbell seems determined to be "tops" in the speed world on water as well as on land. In the speedboat, "Bluebird," which he is now trying out on Lago Maggiore in the Alps to break Gar Wood's world record of 124.91 miles an hour.

Life is like that isn't it?

Bill Terry of the New York Giants is their brand new manager and receives $40,000 a year under his new contract while Tommy Farr, the sensational English battler who just recently set the boxing world agog in his bout with Joe Louis, has had a row with his manager, Ted Broadribb, and refuses to fight under him in the future.

A new one-mile Canadian swim record has just been set by Ralph Flanagan of Florida. He was clocked at 21.34. The former record was 21.57.

THE NEWS INTERPRETED

A Commentary On the More Important Events of the Week.

By ELIZABETH EEDY

Canada's Arms Contracts

The Minister of Defence, Hon. Ian Mackenzie, has announced that over $9,000,000 worth of national defense contracts have been placed in Canada, with construction now in progress. Ninety per cent of the program will be taken care of inside the country. Over 100 airplanes are included and four mine-sweepers. The militia is being reorganized and it is expected that the entire program will be completed within a year.

Youth Training Has Begun

With the transference of 350 young Ontario men, ranging in age from 18 to 25, to training camps in Northern Ontario, the new National Youth Program has been inaugurated under the leadership of the Dept. of Mines and Forests. Ten or more boys are appointed to each of the 31 camps where they will be taught use of the compass, timber cruising and scaling, telephone line construction and maintenance, activities connected with the pulp and paper industry.

In the mining district, a maximum of 50 young men will be given a technical course sufficient to qualify as assistants to mine surveyors, assayors, and mineralogists. The Provincial Department of Mines expects to have positions for these young men when fully trained.

International Incidents Increase

These are days that see international crises precipitated hourly. In the Far East the situation is gravely dangerous, not only in the case of the Sino-Japanese conflict, but a break between Japan and Britain has been narrowly missed, following on the shooting of the British Ambassador; in the Mediterranean, Russian and British ships are being menaced by the "pirate" ships of other nations. A snarling Italian answer has come to Russia's formal protest, accusing Mussolini's submarines of waging Mediterranean terrorism, after two Soviet ships were sunk. Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler of Germany, backs Italy in the Mediterranean and Japan in the East, "in a defensive fight," so he declared at the Nazi Party congress, "against Bolshevism."

Central Bureau of Education

Suggested at the opening meeting of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce at Vancouver was the establishment of a central bureau of educational research for Canada. The speaker, Hon. R. C. Matthews, advocated following the example of Australia and South Africa in setting up a Chamber of Education, whose duties would be to gather information about education in every province, conduct educational surveys, hold yearly conferences on general problems. He recommended that "each individual member of this Chamber should make it his concern, so far as his sphere of influence extends, to study how far school and college today are giving the future citizen of Canada the elementary intellectual and moral equipment which he must have if he is to act justly and intelligently on all the manifold issues which will be presented for his decision at the polls."

Japan Finds Credit

American and British banks are extending credit to help finance Japan's undeclared war on China, even as the American and British Governments are bending every effort to halt or minimize the conflict, a reliably informed source disclosed this week.

Search Continues

Sir Hubert Wilkins' party which set off by plane in search of the six Soviet Polar fliers have as yet found no trace of the men, missing on their flight from Moscow to Fairbanks, Alaska, August 13. The search over the Arctic ice fields will continue until the freeze-up. The rescue party are located on Baillie Island in the Mackenzie River Delta.

Seaway Negotiations

Prime Minister Mackenzie King has announced that unless the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec give their approval, the Federal Government will not go ahead with negotiations for the construction of the St. Lawrence seaway. The power development scheme embraced in the waterway plan would cost Ontario more than $100,000,000. There have been no recent developments in the waterways discussion, the Prime Minister assures. In any case, the treaty has yet to be ratified by the United States Senate which has several times rejected it.

Leadership of Ordinary Men and Women Needed

Declares Sir Edward Beatty in Address to Canadian Chamber of Commerce at Vancouver—Says Canada Should Reach Agreement on National Aims—Keeps Faith In West.

The leadership which we need in this country is not that of outstanding national figures making resounding speeches, it is the leadership of ordinary men and women in their small spheres, said Sir Edward Beatty, C.P.R. chieftain, in an address delivered at the annual dinner of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Vancouver, B.C.

Sir Edward touched upon the more outstanding problems facing the country and called for their consideration on a broad national basis which would remove them from the sphere of partisan debate and narrow local interests.

Dominion's Economic Unity

Sir Edward dealt at length with the situation in the Prairie Provinces. The effect of the disaster which had overtaken agriculture there had definitely and severely brought home to all Canada the economic unity of the Dominion. There is now no question but that the small surplus of Canadian wheat above domestic requirements would prove inadequate for the market and that even a high price would not compensate for the shrinkage in production."

"Tempered as our hopes of economic recovery might be by this disaster, they are by no means to be abandoned. Other parts of Canada have been making their important contributions to Canadian wealth."

Despite the history of the past few crop years, Sir Edward disagreed with any theory that the Prairie Provinces are unsuited for lasting settlement. Other countries had had similar or worse drought experience and had recovered completely. He pointed out that the area in Canada which had suffered most and which had been described as agriculturally impossible had produced at least eight billion dollars in agricultural wealth and had developed such cities as Calgary and Regina.

Our Real Problem

"The real problem which faces us, in considering whether our human assets are equal to the opportunities which face them, is purely one of leadership, and it is the leadership which businessmen, professional men, educationalists and ordinary citizens can give. The real leadership which we need in this country is not that of outstanding national figures making resounding speeches which sweep the country.

"It is the leadership of ordinary men and women in their own small spheres. It is the competent leadership of business men seeking profit, planting their purchases and their production as wisely as they can. It is the leadership of journalists trying to place the news of the day clearly before the people and to give them intelligent opinions on public questions. It is the leadership of lawyers and doctors, clergymen and merchants in their local communities trying to set a wise example of tolerance and good will and trying to use their influence at all times in favor of honesty, thrift and intelligence in public and private affairs alike. And it is the leadership which the teachers in our universities and schools can give our youth, above all by avoiding attempts to present history to suit the theory or to misrepresent facts in order to make a story.

Should Reach Agreement

"There should be no reason for difficulty in arriving at an agreement on our national policies. There is but little disagreement among us regarding the methods needed to improve the moral and intellectual standards of our people. Why is it that we can find so little agreement concerning what we must do for our own material advancement?"

Waiter—"How did you find your steak, sir?"

Diner—"It was purely luck. I happened to move that piece of potato and there it was."