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Water Scarcity

MOOSE JAW. — This Southern Saskatchewan city is facing a shortage of water, and unless there is heavy rainfall a rationing system will be enforced. Daily supply makes it impossible to fill water mains.

Alberta Asks Irrigation

EDMONTON.—Construction of irrigation dams and establishment of community pastures in the drought area of Southern Alberta under the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act, has been requested by the Alberta Government. The proposed projects involving expenditure of more than $200,000 are before Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Federal Minister of Agriculture, for his approval.

Arctic Patrol Returns

ABOARD S.S. NASCOPIE, Davis Strait. — The Federal Government's Eastern Arctic Patrol was steaming south this week, just inside the Arctic Circle on Davis Strait, while thousands of waterfowl streaked south through the skies, indicating approach of winter.

The Hudson's Bay Company's ship Nascopie, convoying the patrol, has spent twenty-two days within the Arctic Circle and has travelled 2,200 miles. The patrol is due in Halifax Sept. 27, several stops being made in the meantime along the east shore of Baffin Island.

New Mental Hospital

HAMILTON. — Construction of an entirely new mental hospital on the Mountain, estimated to cost $3,000,000, is being considered by Hon. T. B. McQuesten, Minister of Highways and Public Works, it was revealed this week.

Franc Drops Again

PARIS.—A fresh plunge of the franc to its lowest level in nearly a decade raised the acute political question of exchange control, which in many French minds is associated with economic dictatorship.

Mussolini Threatens Withdrawal

LONDON.—Fascist Italy, supported by Nazi Germany, has indicated she might renounce her Spanish neutrality pledge because Italian warships were not given a role equal to those of Britain and France in the Mediterranean "piracy" patrol.

Italian newspapers made it clear that unless Britain and France alter the "piracy" plan to give Italy an equal footing, Premier Mussolini may withdraw from the already tottering non-intervention plan under which twenty-seven nations promised to keep out of Spain.

Great Japanese Offensive

PEIPING. — Japanese headquarters announce the greatest offensive undertaken by the Japanese Army since the Russo-Japanese war thirty-two years ago, driving the Chinese back on a broad front south and southwest of Peiping.

It is said to be outflanking the Chinese, and weakening the stubborn resistance which stopped all Japanese efforts to advance down the Pieping-Hankow Railway since early in the North China conflict, now nine weeks old.

The Japanese hope to drive back the right flank of the Chinese defense lines in Central Hopeh Province and open the way into Southern Hopeh, perhaps even into Shansi and Shantung Provinces.

Search Cellar For Body

Ontario Provincial Police dug in the cellar of a house on Vaughan Rd., Toronto in hope of finding the body of Mrs. Christina MacKenzie of Allandale missing wife of George Roediger, archbigamist [illegible] a term of nine years for bigamy [illegible]. The floor was broken up but no trace was found of the [illegible] bride. The scene of the police search was the last place the woman was seen alive. She disappeared two days after she and Roediger moved into the Vaughan Road house.

Italy Branded

GENEVA. — The troubled paths of China and Spain crossed fleetingly this week-end at a League of Nations Council session which heard Spanish Premier Juan Negrin brand Italy as the "pirate" whose submarines have attacked Mediterranean shipping.

Lindbergh British Subject?

NEW YORK.—A professional source associated with Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh said this week the famous flier intended to renounce his United States citizenship and become a British subject. The informant declined to be quoted, or to permit use of his name, but his connection with Lindbergh was an established one. The manner in which the information was obtained was not divulged, and confirmation or denial could not be obtained elsewhere.

Chinese Retreating

PEIPING. — Thousands of Chinese troops, recoiling before the greatest Japanese offensive since the Russo-Japanese war, were reported to be retreating on all fronts in Hopei Province. The Japs are cutting a wide path but it is expected the Chinese will rally. At present they are attempting a plan to break the coast brockade.

Renewed Activity In Spain

HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish Frontier.—Spain's civil war raged with renewed ferocity on many fronts this week-end as the contending armies strove to establish new gains before cold weather sets in.

Valencia was bombed, Madrid shelled, and on the Bay of Biscay coast, in Aragon and around Madrid, fighting continued.

U. S. Wants Arms Curb

WASHINGTON.—Secretary of State Cordell Hull has conveyed to foreign governments his hope that the United States can share leadership of a movement to halt the world armament race "when and if" an agreement appears possible.

This was discovered by the publication of instructions sent recently to all diplomatic and consular agents in a new effort by Hull to promote world peace through international economic rehabilitation.

Prime Minister Returns

LONDON.—Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain returned to London Saturday from his vacation in Scotland, but No. 10 Downing Street is undergoing alterations, and he will continue temporary residence in No. 11, official home of the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Plague Gaining Virulence

SHANGHAI.—A cholera epidemic reaching grave proportions spread through the foreign sectors of the metropolis this week-end, striking down more than 100 additional victims overnight.

The sweep of the plague raised the number of cases in the International Settlement and the French concession alone to 740. There are an additional 1,400 suspected cases in the two areas.

Britain Defers Action

LONDON.—Great Britain will take no action in connection with the wounding in China of her ambassador, Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, by Japanese bullets until the Government receives a reply to its protest from the Japanese, it was announced officially this week-end.

Britain dispatched a note to Tokio shortly after the incident. The Japanese replied that they regretted the outrage, but that it was not yet determined whether a Japanese airman was responsible for the wounding.

$10,000,000 Borrowed

OTTAWA. — Nearly $10,000,000 has been lent under the Home Improvement plan since it was instituted last November. The total on Sept. 15, Finance Minister Dunning said this week, was $9,204,000, an increase of $954,000 from August 23.

British Steamers Bombed

VALENCIA.—Two British steamers, the Jean Weems and the Pracat, were damaged and the captain of one was injured by shrapnel during an insurgent air raid on the Port of Valencia this week-end.

It was reported, without confirmation, that a British seaman aboard one of the ships was killed.

The air raid was one of the worst experienced by the loyalist emergency capital thus far in the 14-months-old civil war. At least eighteen persons were killed and fifty wounded.

Naval Ring Breaks Up

LONDON. — The naval ring round Spain is ended. Great Britain and France, acting in concert, have notified members of the Spanish non-intervention committee that their warships engaged in patrolling the Spanish coast would be withdrawn. They will be employed in sweeping pirate submarines out of the Mediterranean.

The Anglo-French action removes all naval control over shipments of arms and volunteers to both rebels and loyalists in Spain in view of the fact that the Nyon patrol does not extend to Spanish waters.

Kaiser Intended Break

BERLIN.—A sensational plan of former Kaiser Wilhelm to rush incognito to Berlin has been abandoned with news his wife, Princess Hermine, has made a successful recovery from a critical operation.

Fearful she might not recover, the exiled former emperor had made all arrangements for a trip by fast train from Doorn, Holland, to reach her bedside.

China Prepares

NANKING.—China's 400,000,000 inhabitants oganized this week for a long, costly war with Japan.

Chiang Kai-Shek, dictator of the central government, started a "liberty loan" campaign for $150,000,000, similar to that which the United States used in the world war.

Drastic decrees, ranging from death for spies and traitors to soldiers' pensions, have been put into effect.

Japs Announce Gains

PEIPING. — Japanese army headquarters have announced that Chochow, Chinese advance base, 40 miles southwest of Peiping, has been captured in a Japanese offensive along the Peiping-Hankow railway.

The Japanese announced their mechanized forces, estimated at 60,000 men, had gained 12 miles in the last 24 hours after spectacular crossings of the Yungting and Chuma rivers.

Barrie Leaves $887,300

LONDON.—The will of Sir James Matthew Barrie, playwright, was probated this week, showing a gross estate of $887,300. Among his bequests was $10,000 to "my beloved Elizabeth Czinner, known professionally as Elisabeth Bergner, for the best performance ever given any play of mine."

Plan to Block Italy

LONDON. — Great Britain and France have abandoned diplomatic efforts to persuade Italy to join the Mediterranean anti-piracy patrol.

The British and French Foreign Offices were said to have exhausted their patience in attempt to soothe the anger of Premier Mussolini.

They also decided, it was learned, that Il Duce will not be permitted to create a new crisis in the twenty-seven nation Spanish Non-Intervention Committee by attempting to force the "piracy" issue before it. The neutrality body is prepared to block any such move by Italian Ambassador Dino Grandi by taking the position that it is without authority to deal with the Nyon Mediterranean accord.

Patrol Includes Planes

GENEVA. — Nine Mediterranean powers, headed by Great Britain and France, signed an accord this week-end authorizing signatories of the Nyon agreement to fire on "pirate" aeroplanes and surface ships as well as submarines in the Mediterranean.

Freighter Fired On

HENDAYE, France.—The captain of the British freighter Stanmore reports that insurgent batteries east of Rivadesalla fired on the vessel when it tried to put in to pick up refugees. The Stanmore headed for Bordeaux, France, without completing its task.

The Asturian defenders of Gijon, falling back before the insurgent offensive, were reported to be dynamiting the path of their foe.

Convicted of Manslaughter

MONTREAL.—Cyrias Boucher, who wept bitterly during his trial, was convicted of manslaughter for the hammer slaying of his wife. The murder charge against the middle-aged, thin and wan French-Canadian was reduced by the jury after summation of stories of bickering in the Boucher home. the city.

Fire Takes Ten Lives

KIRKINTILLOCH, Dumbartonshire —Great Britain was horrified this week-end by one of the worst fires of recent years, which took the lives of ten Irish farm laborers in this village eight miles from Glasgow.

News of the tragedy plunged into mourning the little community of Achill Sound, County Mayo, poor crofters' village on the west coast of Ireland, from which all the victims came.

Third Wife Getting Divorce

NEW YORK.—Mrs. Elizabeth Eaton Guggenheim, third wife of Colonel M. Robert Guggenheim, who settled $1,000,000 on each of his previous wives when they divorced him, is in Reno for a divorce.

Premier Declares World Civilization is at Stake

Canada Joins With Seven Other Nations in a Pledge for World Economic Co-operation—International Peace Broadcast Heard

Prime Minister Mackenzie King Sunday night stated that "in this stormy and transitional period of human affairs fear has largely supplanted faith in the conduct of nations and their ultimate civilization is at stake."

It was plain, therefore, he said, that "Governments and individuals alike must . . . pursue the arts of co-operation and conciliation in every possible field of affairs."

The Canadian Prime Minister joined with leaders of many nations in an international symposium on world economic co operation sponsored by the National Peace Conference. They pledged themselves to strive for peace through economic co-operation.

Eight Nations Join

Mackenzie King spoke on a broadcast with Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State; Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, who spoke from Geneva; Prime Minister Camille Chautemps of France, Premier Van Zeeland of Belgium, Chancellor von Schuschnigg of Austria; President Alfonso Lopez of Colombia and Premier Mylan Hodza of Czechoslovakia.

Outstanding in the broadcast was Eden's expressed hope that Great Britain and the United States might soon sign a trade agreement.

"Canada has already made a trade agreement with her great neighbor, and I very much hope that it may be found possible for the United Kingdom also before very long to reach an agreement with the United States for the reduction of customs duties on a most-favored-nation basis," he said. "Such an agreement would surely redound not only to our own advantage, but to that of the whole world."

A Strange Time

Mackenzie King said that with "conditions of war" actually existing on two continents, some might think the present an inopportune moment to begin a campaign for world economic co-operation.

"It may well be that for all countries it would have been better had something of the kind been commenced years ago," he added. "The fact, however, that this is so only serves to make clear the wisdom of the undertaking itself."

Along the path of international economic co-operation, he added, "there surely lies an effective means of avoiding further wide-spread, if not world-wide, civil and international strife. In economic co-operation there also exists a means of bringing into being a world order which holds within itself some promise of an enduring peace."

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.

DAIRY PRODUCE

Butter—

Quotations to wholesale trade at Toronto this week-end.

Creamery solids, No. 1	26½	to 00
do 38 score	25½	to 00
do 37 score	24½	to 00
do 36 score	23½	to 00

Cheese

New large (paraffined)	13¾	to 14¼
do twins	14	to 14½
do triplets	14¼	to 14¾

(Average price paid to shippers, f.o.b. country points.)

New large (paraffined)	13½	to 00
do triplets	13¾	to 00

POULTRY AND EGGS

Buying prices:

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

Eggs—		
Grade A large	30	to 00
Grade A medium	28	to 00
Pullets	24	to 00
Grade B	21	to 00
Grade C	17	to 00
Peewees	12	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	21	19	23

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, $1.35¼; No. 2 Northern, $1.29¾; No. 3 Northern, $1.24¾; No. 4 Northern, $1.20¾.

Western oats—No. 2 C.W., 60½c; No. 3 C.W., 59½c; No. 1 feed, 58½c.

Manitoba barley—No. CW, 66½c; No. 5 C.W., 64½c; 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.

THE NEWS INTERPRETED

A Commentary On the More Important Events of the Week.

By ELIZABETH EEDY

Eyes on Czechoslovakia

One of the last strongholds of democracy in Europe, Czechoslovakia, occupies a doubly strategic position. Nazi Germany would be blad any moment to swallow this little country whose geographical outlines cut a neat slice out of the south-eastern German States. (More than two-thirds of Czechoslovakia's present population of 15,000,000 is concentrated in this western half in the highly industrialized provinces of Bohemia, Moravia and Silesia, right on the doorstep of Germany.) The Czechs live in mortal fear of the Hitler regime but feel temporarily secure under the military protection of Soviet Russia. At this moment in Europe's history, Czechoslovakia is very important.

Front Page News

The Spanish Civil War had the front pages of our daily newspapers all to itself for a good many months of this year and last, sharing honors occasionally with a particularly horrible murder, car accident or earthquake fatality. With the advent of the Sino-Japanese conflict, however, it was transferred to page 3 or even page 5. In August, 1937, the front page headlines screamed Jap bombings at us, and talked in bold type of the grave international crisis in the Far East. The Sino-Jap situation is just now possibly as grave as it ever was, but as a front page story it has given place to the Mediterranean embroglio and the danger of war in Europe. There is a war going on in Spain, and a war going on in China, just the same.

Need Bigger Population

With one-sixteenth of the cultivatable land in the world and more than that fraction of the world's natural resources, Canada has only one half of one percent. of the earth's population. It is the contention of Dr. W. J. Black, who addressed the annual convention of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce at Vancouver, that Canada must have more population if it is to fulfill the destiny that nature intended for it. More people must be brought in from outside through immigration, he said, if the country is to keep going ahead. An influx of farming families would aid development, he believes.

To Make Peace With Ireland

The economic "war" between the United Kingdo mand the Irish Free State is believed to be nearing its end. Of several years' duration the conflict began when President Eamon de Valera refused to transfer the Irish land annuities to the British Government. The United Kingdom, as guarantor of the loans, had to meet the interest charges. To recoup herself, she clapped special duties on imports from the Irish Free State. The Irish Free State retaliated. But now de Valera has gone to Switzerland where he is meeting Dominions Secretary Malcolm MacDonald at Geneva to discuss differences between the two countries and bring about an economic reconciliation.

Want Uniform Administration

Amendments to Workmen's Compensation Acts throughout Canada that would give 100 per cent. compensation were recommended by the Canadian Trades and Labor Congress in session at Ottawa. It was voted also that the full cost of administration be placed on industry. The administration of the Ontario Compensation Act as it affected those engaged in the mining and lumbering industry was termed a "disgrace," since it has become a practice, it was said, for operators to minimize the number of reported accidents, lower their contribution to the Compensation Board and increase their profits at the expense of the workers. The Congress is pressing to make the Acts more efficient and to have them uniform throughout the country.

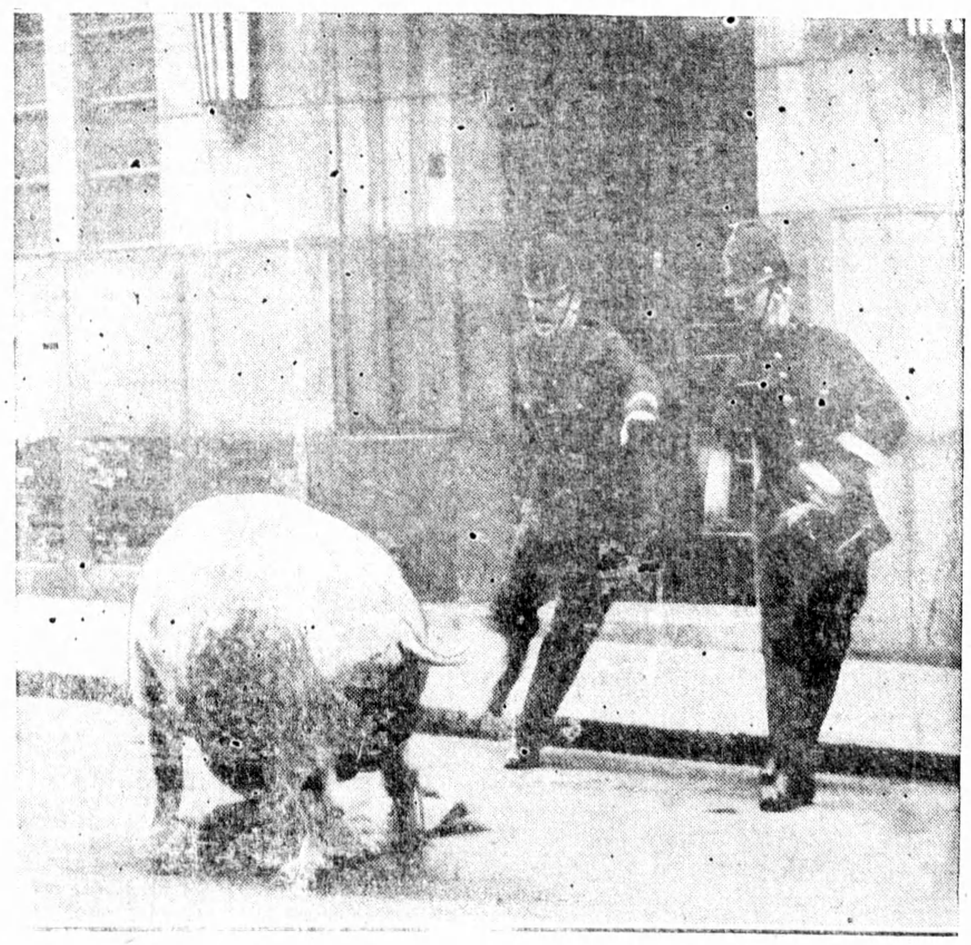
Italy Backs Out

Demanding full equality with the other European powers in patrolling the Mediterranean, Italy has rejected the Anglo-French invitation to join with the nine countries in a war against submarine piracy. Mussolini's ministers had previously accepted, so that when his consent was suddenly withdrawn, it was thought that Germany had influenced him to a reversal of decision. Nevertheless the agreement entered into at Nyon, Switzerland, against "piracy" will be put into operation immediately, with or without Italian participation.

"We Are Not Involved"

Prime Minister Mackenzie King assured the country this week that "Canada has no ships in the Mediterranean, and Canadian commerce is not involved in the policies being adopted by the nine-power conference." He also observed that Canada had not taken any part in activities of the non-intervention committee nor had there been any invitation to take part in the war on "piracy."

Bobbies Join In Embarrassing Chase



When a large boar fell from a lorry passing over Blackfriars Bridge in London, Eng., recently, the driver continued, not noticing he had lost the animal. The boar squealed in delight and began running in every direction until a policeman came around the corner and gave chase. Six more joined in the ludicrous spectacle and the "bobbies" had a hectic time before they finally cornered it. Our picture shows two policemen trying to halt the boar near Blackfriars Bridge.