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On the Scent

Half a tone of onions were stolen from a farm near Goderich. Surely the police will soon pick up the scent. —London Free Press.

Sound Philosophy

Women are the true philosophers. A woman saves her pride by looking at her good points and forgetting the others.—Victoria Times.

Haven't Got The Cash

Mr. Anthony Eden seems to have made a two-base hit at least when he stated at Geneva that the trouble with countries (like Germany and Italy) which wanted raw materials is that they haven't the money to pay for them. Even "colonies" like to get some cash.—Sault Ste. Marie Star.

Lost "Face" In Nanking

It is a curious thought that, though for years many people in the United States have considered Japan as a potential enemy, while most persons in the British Empire have considered Japan as an active friend, when the crisis arrives, the Americans go, and the British stay. As a result of this fact British prestige will be greater in the Orient (among Chinese and Japanese alike) than that of the United States.—Hamilton Spectator.

Life Goes On

The public view of the daily news is always out of perspective. Shanghai people are going to the movies. The Mediterranean is spangled with the white sails of pleasure craft. The taverns of Madrid are ringing with laughter. And—even—in Alberta men and women rise in the morning and go about their tasks and harvest crops and love and listen to music and —write sonnets; the mountain streams still murmur as they move among the pebbles, and the sun still sets in red and gold; neither has the prairie lark forgotten his song. Extraordinary, isn't it? — Calgary Alberta (Social Credit).

Rendering a Real Service

Mark well this brief press despatch, just over the wires from Belleville, Ontario: "Fifteen bushels of alfalfa seed from three loads of hay is the record set by Joel Murray, Hillier farmer." Not a great triumph in war or diplomacy, to be sure; not a great record in sport; not one of those achievements that make the front pages—but a record, nevertheless, and of far more importance to mankind than all the bluster and sabre-rattling that surround the ways of "warlords" today. A new system in bridge; a new service at tennis; a baseball pennant won, or a football kicked so far. A picture to take the critics by storm . . . All these things "go over big." But that man who has just made two blades of grass grow where only one grew before is deserving of more praise.—Halifax Herald.

The West Has Faith

There is apparently no limit to optimism of the people of Western Canada. They do not appear to be discouraged after eight seasons of drought that have afflicted areas in the Prairie Provinces comprising about 12,000,000 acres. In a recent speech before the Canadian Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Regina, the Hon. J. G. Gardiner, Federal Minister of Agriculture, said: "There is no better next-year country in the world than Western Canada." In that brief sentence the Minister of Agriculture epitomized the opinion of Western Canada. One wonders sometimes whether there is something in the big open spaces of the Prairie Provinces that develops this spirit. It is questionable if the citizens of Eastern Canada would stand up as well under repeated discouragements as their Western compatriots have. — Brantford Expositor.

Hunters—Stop, Look!

If all who take pleasure in hunting would remember four little words — Stop! Look! Make sure! — there would be none of these hunting fatalities which disgrace the newspapers of British Columbia every time the hunting season comes around. There is not one of these accidents but could have been prevented. In every case human carelessness is the prime cause of a hunter being killed, maimed or injured to some degree or other.

The prevention is simple. It requires only that those carrying lethal weapons should always remember to STOP, LOOK and MAKE SURE.

Don't walk behind a companion with a cocked gun pointing toward him; don't grab a gun by the muzzle and pull it toward you when getting out of a car, boat, or when crawling under a fence; don't guess, be sure it is not a human being at which you are shooting, and don't forget to unload your gun.—Kamloops Sentinel.

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British Subjects

The constitutional report of the Imperial Conference, published recently, finally scotches the rumors and fears that the common status of the citizens of the British Empire could and would be altered and the title of "British subject" changed. Not even in fact did South African delegates propose a modification of the status. As for defining nationality within each Dominion, quite another point, the suggestion that legislation was necessary everywhere has found no support, and the matter is left for future consultation. Let us hope the whole thing will be dropped. Meanwhile, the main fact is that all South Africans remain British subjects, not in the sense of subjects to Britain but as subjects to the King.—Capetown Argus.

Training the Unemployed

In Great Britain the government has achieved a good deal by fostering training and instructional courses, chiefly attended by the younger unemployed. These cater for three classes of men—those who have never learned a trade are given a modicum of skill ensuring in almost all cases their permanent engagement; those who find their skill unsought are fitted for other trades where labour is in demand; those who have lost manual dexterity, or general physical condition, or the habit of work, owing to prolonged idleness, are given the opportunity to tone up eyes, muscles and hands. The first two classes go to the training centres for six months and the third to instructional courses for three months. Such a scheme might well be adopted here. On the one hand there are the tens of thousands of unemployed; on the other many opportunities for qualified men. Well organized training centres could do much to bring labour supply and demand together. — Auckland (N.Z.) News.

X-Ray Martyr Again Sacrifices

Prof. Charles Vaillant, of Paris, Undergoes 14th Operation

Professor Charles Vaillant, called the X-ray martyr, last week underwent his fourteenth operation, a stomach incision, made necessary by his voluntary exposure to X-rays during his life-long radium research work.

The rays continue corroding the tissues, and during the last 25 years Prof. Vaillant, whose name incidentally is the French for courageous, has had both arms amputated bit by bit in 13 operations.

Rays Attack His Body

Now the rays have attacked his body for the first time. But Prof. Vaillant, who has been lodged at the nation's expense among the war-mutilated heroes and invalids, is undismayed.

He declared after last week's successful operation that he thought his was no remarkable sacrifice to science.

Prof. Vaillant, who has received the decorations of the Legion of Honor, the Carnegie Hero Medal and the Gold Medal of the City of Paris for his work, is 65 years old. The previous operations he underwent, which consisted of the progressive amputations of both arms, took place previous to 1923. The last of these, on December 3rd, 1922, was the severance of his right arm.

The amputations started at the fingers of the left hand. Drs. Infroit and Leray, other French X-ray pioneers who received the Carnegie medals in 1921, died a few months later of cancer infections caused by the research work.

Cost of Living Still Climbing

Weekly Budget of Average Canadian Family For Food, Shelter Rises to $17.48.

The cost of living mounts. Figures issued from Ottawa by the Labor Department show the weekly budget of the average Canadian family for food and shelter rose to $17.48 in August from $17.24 in July and $16.72 in August, 1936.

The index has been rising steadily from 1934. In August of that year it was $15.92. In the boom year of 1929 it was up to $21.90 which was still below the post-war peak of $26.60 in 1920.

The food budget has climbed to $8.80 from $8.17 in the past year and the weekly rent average for a modern city house of six rooms has increased to $5.87 from $5.71. Fuel and light costs receded, however, to $2.77 from $2.80.

B.B.C. Broadcast Daily For Canada

Two-Hour Program to be Transmitted by Short-Wave

The British Broadcasting Corporation and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation have announced an arrangement effective October 4th, whereby a BBC direct short-wave beam to Canada will be transmitted for two hours daily, from 7 p.m., to 9 p.m., G.M.T. (2 p.m. to 4 p.m. E.S.T.)

Of this CBC at Ottawa intend to rebroadcast over a national hook-up at least an hour's selection of the best material.

Governor Alan Plaunt of CBC concluded the negotiations here and expressed gratification at the generosity of Sir John Reith, BBC director-general, and BBC empire officers who have extended the service without a charge and intend to provide the most interesting programs for Canadian consumption.

Canada May Reciprocate

It is held possible Canada eventually will construct a 50-kilowatt short-wave station and perhaps return the courtesy of BBC with Canadian programs.

"Literary Edition" Of Bible Issued

Scriptures Presented In Luminous Form—Spelling Modernized

The jealously guarded privilege of the King's Printers and the University Presses of Oxford and Cambridge to print the authorized version of the Bible has been relaxed for the production of a "literary edition."

The new edition, called "The Bible, Designed to be Read as Literature," is aimed at presenting the Scriptures is a luminous, compact and fitting a form as possible.

A few portions have been omitted, including the Book of Chronicles, and parts of the Apochrypha as well as genealogies. Spelling and punctuation have been modernized.

In an introductory essay, Laurence Binyon declares that, "though the Bible represents one of the greatest literatures of the world, it has for centuries been studied apart from its literary form and value; the way in which it is printed testified to this difference."

Many Famous People Victims of Hobby Bug

Kings, Presidents, Movie Stars Are All Bitten — True Disciples Search Globe For Prizes.

The hobby bug is no respecter of persons. It bites with equal viciousness the rich and the poor, the great and the lowly, and one might almost say the sane and the others.

President Roosevelt's stamp collection is known to be one of the best in the United States. He's been at it since he was 17 years old, and many a one-sentence dispatch from Washington has been to this effect: "The President spent last evening with his stamp collection."

King George VI is continuing the stamp collection begun by his father, which is one of the greatest in the world, and worth literally millions of dollars. He has a philatelic secretary who does nothing but take care of the collection, which has grown 'way beyond a mere hobby and become a full-time job.

Artists Succumb Easily

But those are orthodox hobbies hobbies. Many people of promience have been drawn to less-traversed bypaths. People in the arts seem to be particularly addicted to hobbies, and many carry them to what would seem to an outsider considerable extremes.

Lucrezia Bori collected historic fans, Roland Young has a houseful of canes of all kinds. David Belasco had a Napoleonic complex, paying any amount for old boots or hats of the former dictator. Fanny Hurst collects altars and religious furniture from all over the world, and associated with all kinds of religions. Rudy Vallee has a bad case of amateur movie itch, and Toscha Seidel, the violinist, is a spare-time bacteriologist.

Lionel Barrymore's work as an etcher and painter might have won him considerable fame if he had never acted at all, and there is a rumor that Rupert Hughes, the novelist, is a string saver. Albert Payson Terhune bred and kept dogs as a hobby for years before they became his meal-ticket, filtered through his typewriter.

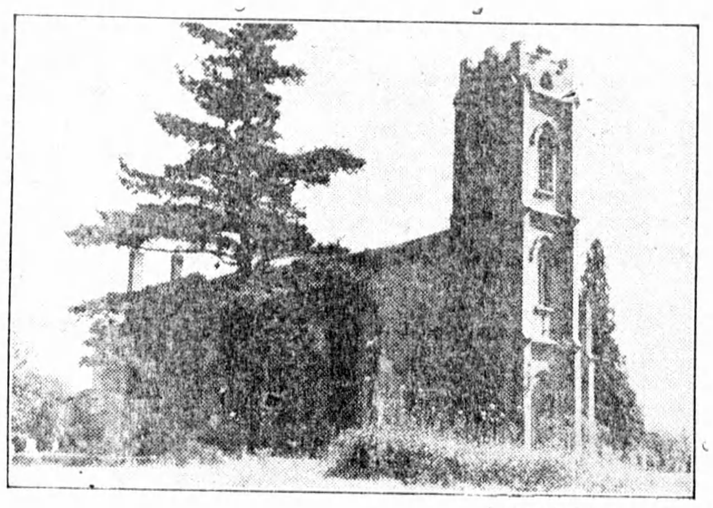
Collector Aids Science

Otherwise practical and materialistic business men have shown no immunity, even those who have been able to collect $500,000 Old Masters and give them to the government.

The late Nathaniel Rothschild, head of the European banking family, collected fleas, though on a severely scientific basis. He ransacked the world for all types, and even sent an expedition into the Arctic to get specimens of a flea that annoys certain kinds of Arctic seals. When he presented the whole collection to the British Museum, that august institution was delighted. Of courst fleas are notorious disease carriers, and the more known about them the better, so Rothschild's hobby was not as silly as it sounds.

Henry Ford's weakness for antiques got the better of him to such an extent that he had to build a separate village to hold them, adjoining his home and plant at Dearborn.

Many hobbies have become so absorbing as to lead their riders to become actual authorities in their fields, and sometimes they have led directly into a good living.



—Associated Screen News

GOLF MASTERS MEET ON HISTORIC GROUND

Famed Church, Harbor and Highway of Upper Canada Scene of Links Battle.

By MR. HECTOR CHARLESWORTH

Hard by the site of this year's battle for the Seagram Gold Cup, emblem of the Canadian Open golf title, stands the churchyard and rectory of St. John's, York Mills, one of the oldest Anglican Churches in Canada. In the churchyard are graves which date back to the first decade of the 19th Century.

Some idea of the antiquity of the edifice, which stands on a hill overlooking a large stretch of country, may be gleaned from the fact that the largest Anglican church in Toronto today, St. Paul's, Bloor Street, was originally established as a mission of St. John's, which lies about five miles north of it as the crow flies. What is now the City of Toronto did not extend more than a mile back from the Bay, and at the time mentioned, only farm lands with a few cross-road settlements lay between the parent church and its offspring.

Part of Oldest Highway

The ground where St. Andrew's course is situated is historic for another reason. The old road on which it faces, now merely a by-way, was once part of the oldest highway north of Toronto, laid out under orders of Governor Simcoe. The original Yonge Street, planned to connect Lake Ontario with Lake Simcoe, and the hinterland to the north, detoured along the hills to avoid the deeper valleys, and this by-way is one of the original detours.

Another fact of unique interest is that the old church once overlooked what was an inland harbor. The Don River, which used to cross Yonge St. at this point, was so deep as to be navigable from Toronto Bay to this point. Flat-bottomed boats carried cargoes for the north which were transferred to wagons and sledges at York Mills.

News Parade

Commentary on the Highlights of the Week's News . . . by Peter Randal

Canada Criticized

Declaring that Canada lacks national aim and is drifting along without leadership, the former editor of the London Evening Standard before leaving on the return trip to England last week criticized the Dominion for having a wonderful future which it is not trying to use. "It is a marvellous country," he said, "but populated by 11,000,000 people content to drift along between Britain and the United States as markets and protectors, without any national plans of its own, no policy to follow. You could be a great people . . . ."

President Roosevelt's Speech

Believed to be the most important speech he had ever delivered on world affairs, President Roosevelt's address at Chicago last week has created a great deal of comment in countries other than his own. He spoke in actuality to the world, appealing for the "concerted effort" of peace-loving nations "to uphold laws and principles on which alone peace can rest secure." He raised his voice against an "epidemic of world lawlessness," against the trouble-making powers, declaring that epidemics always call for quarantine. The President's suggestion for a quarantine against international lawlessness is looked upon as the strongest and most concise offer of United States co-operation given to European nations seeking to curb the aggression of Italy, Germany, Japan.

Press-Gag Bill Stopped

The bills before the Alberta Legislature on taxation of banks, the Credit Act and the bill "to ensure the publication of accurate news and information" were reserved by the Lieutenant-Governor to await the pleasure of the Governor-General of Canada, when they came before the House this week. The Lieutenant-Governor gave his assent to eight other bills which bore no relation to the one disallowed by the Federal Government in August. Premier Aberhart's proposal to control the press of Alberta has thus gone by the board.

Japan Indicted

A conference of the nine powers who signed the League of Nations treaty guaranteeing the territorial integrity of China (China, Japan, Great Britain, the United States, France, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands and Portugal) is proposed for this week to deal with the Japanese invasion. This followed close on the declaration of the League's Sino-Japanese sub-committee that Japan is guilty of violating the treaty.

Medical Plan Attacked

Claiming that medical services are not being provided the public on a sound economic basis, Dr. T. H. Leggett, of Ottawa, President of the Canadian Medical Association, calls for a thorough overhauling of the system in Canada. At present, he said, the scheme is right for the wealthy but not satisfactory for the middle class, working men and those on relief.

Present Spread of War

War is already here according to the Hon. Mrs. Freemantle, British author, journalist, who last week addressed the Toronto Branch of the English-speaking Union. "But we can prevent spread of war by immunization," she declared, "as we would deal with an infectious disease. The important thing for us to do is to avoid infection by taking preventive medicine."

Toronto-to-Rio Flight

Harry Richman, night club singer, screen star, Atlantic flyer, has announced that in February next he proposes to beat the world non-stop flight record by hopping from Toronto to Rio de Janeiro, a distance of 7,500 miles. United States authorities would not allow him to make the flight from there, and now he is hoping that the Dominion Government will not express similar disapproval.

News In Review

Russia Buys Arms In U.S.

WASHINGTON.—Soviet Russia was disclosed this week-end to have bought more than $10,000,000 in arms, munitions and implements of war in the United States during September, more than half of which was for war vessels.

This expenditure was believed to have been for the first materials and equipment for two battleships which the Moscow Government sought some time ago to buy from the United States.

Win Little World Series

COLUMBUS, Ohio.—Newark Bears, winners of the International League pennant by a 25½-game margin, defeated Columbus Red Birds 10 to 4 for their fourth straight victory to capture the 1937 Little World Series, four games to three.

Sentenced to be Hanged

MONTREAL. — Pleading innocence, Exelphat Benoit, 31-year-old ex-convict, was convicted by a King's Bench Court jury this week of murdering Hyacinthe Cote, wealthy Montreal landlord, whose battered body was found July 24 last in a suburban ,eld. Mr. Justice Wilfrid Lazure sentenced Benoit to be hanged January 14.

Italian-Type Torpedo

VALENCIA.—The Spanish Defense Ministry has announced a torpedo "similar in type to those carried by Italian submarines" was found near the spot where the British destroyer was reported attacked aff the Spanish Mediterranean coast last week.

Famous Papers Amalgamated

LONDON. — Amalgamation of the Morning Post, London's oldest existing daily newspaper, and the Daily Telegraph has been announced.

The Morning Post published its last edition as a separate newspaper this week. The combined paper is published under the name of Daily Telegraph and Morning Post.

Three Prospectors Drown

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask.—Confirmation three prospectors had drowned in May Lake, 272 miles north of Prince Albert, was received in a wireless message from Lac la Ronge, 160 miles northwest of here, this week-end.

Further Search For Fliers

MOSCOW.—Four big planes with 36 more searchers under the command of Ivan Chuknoffsky left Moscow this week to look for Sigismund Levanevsky, lost "Lindbergh of the U.S.S.R."

They will go to Rudolf Island via Archangel.

U. S. Brands Japan

WASHINGTON.—The United States Government this week-end formally branded Japan as the aggressor nation in the undeclared Sino-Japanese war.

The Government accused Japan of violating the nine-power pact and also the Briand-Kellogg anti-war treaty.

The action was announced in a formal statement issued by the State Department.

It came after the League of Nations Assembly had adopted a report of its Far Eastern Advisory Committee, in which Japan was declared the aggressor nation.

Chinese Take Offensive

SHANGHAI. — Chinese forces took the offensive in a sharp counter-attack the tenth day in the present battle for Shanghai.

The Chinese surged from their entrenchments all along the front from the ruined Chapel native quarter on the edge of the International Settlement north almost the whole twenty-five miles to Lotien.

More Ships For Mediterranean

LONDON.—The Admiralty has announced that eight more of the navy's newest destroyers are due to assemble at Portsmouth, preparatory to leaving for the Mediterranean. All are 1,375-ton craft belonging to the fifth destroyer flotilla of the home fleet. They are mounted with 4.7 inch guns and have a top speed of 38 knots.

Shelve Yukon Annexation

OTTAWA. — Premier Pattullo, of British Columbia, announced this week end the Dominion Government had concurred in his suggestion that action to include the Yukon Territory within British Columbia's boundaries be held in abeyance until consideration can be given the report of the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations.

Robertson Remanded

LONDON, Ont.—Lauchlin John Robertson, middle-aged factory worker, accused with 70-year-old Dr. Charles Cline of murder in connection with Mary Wilkinson's death, made a brief court appearance this week, but the Crown was not ready to proceed with the case. He was remanded till a later date.

Demonstration Against Japan

LONDON. — The Government was urged this week-end by resolution of 10,000 people to seek means for international co-operation in preventing a continuance of bombing of Chinese civilians by Japanese airmen.

A crowded meeting in Albert Hall adopted the resolution that expressed 'horror and condemnation of indiscriminate attacks on non-combatants by Japanese forces in China."

Giant Goes to Law

CHICAGO.—Robert Emerson Wadlow, youthful Alton, Ill., giant, whose case excited medical curiosity so much that the dignified American Medical Journal published an article discussing it, estimated that this scientific contribution had embarrassed him to the tune of $150,000.

The world's reputedly tallest human —he stands eight feet six inches in his stocking feet, and weighs 425 pounds