« News in Brief »

Three R.C.A.F. Officers Killed

TRENTON.—Three flying officers of the R.C.A.F. were killed when their planes crashed in mid-air over the air field here this week, as both pilots swung in for a landing. The dead: Pilot Officer R. L. Doucet, Flt. Sergt. E. F. O'Connor, Flt. Lieut. J. A. MacInnis. Over 30 machines were in the air, officials reported, at the time of the crash. Visibility was poor with showers threatening. Both airplanes were completely demolished.

Weeping Statuette

CORNWALL.—Hundreds of visitors, many friends afflicted by illness and deformity, flocked this week to the home of a 30-year-old paralytic woman where a statuette of Christ has been "weeping" for ten days.

Leona Villeneuve, suffering from intermittent paralysis, epilepsy and intestinal disorders since she underwent an appendicitis operation fifteen years ago, said she believed the statuette was weeping in response to her prayers for recovery.

Former Wheat King Passes

BIRTLE, MAN.—Samuel Larcombe, "grand old man" of Western Canada agriculture, and world wheat king in 1917, died in hospital here.

The 86-year-old retired farmer, famed as the producer of Axminster wheat, a rust-resistant variety, was brought to hospital several days before, suffering injuries received in a fall. Besides giving the world rust-resistant wheat in 1912, Mr. Larcombe won 3,000 prizes for soil products in his forty-three years of farming in Manitoba. His farming career was capped with victory at the International Grain Exposition at Peoria, Ill., in 1917, when he was crowned wheat king.

Explosion Damage $25,000

MONTREAL.—Officials of Canadian Industries Limited have revised from $40,000 to $25,000 the estimate of damage caused by an explosion in a nitrator house at the company's plant near Beloeil, twenty-five miles southeast of Montreal.

Cause of the explosion, which partly wrecked a building used in the manufacture of nitro-glycerine, was not known. No one was hurt.

Invited to Visit Stalin

LONDON, Eng.—The Daily Mirror this week reported that the Duke and Duchess of Windsor had been invited to visit the Soviet Union by Joseph Stalin.

According to the Warsaw correspondent of the newspaper, Stalin has instructed Constantin Yreneff, Soviet ambassador at Berlin, to convey the invitation to the Duke.

Arch-Plotter a Victim

MOSCOW.—Bela Kun, arch-plotter of bolshevism, has fallen victim of the Soviet Russian "purge," that has reached more merciless proportions than the trail of terror which he blazed through post-war Hungary.

Arrest of the 51-year-old Hungarian on charges that almost unfailingly result in death before a Red firing squad was revealed by the official Communist International magazine.

Worst Air Crash

SALT LAKE CITY.—A mountaineer—only eyewitness to America's worst airplane disaster—told a vivid story of a transport pilot flying blindly through a mountain blizzard, then a terrific crash which killed nineteen persons.

Height Profitt, youthful trapper from Northeastern Utah's trackless wilderness, said he saw the United Air Lines twenty-one-passenger Mainliner barely miss towering pines in his backyard, Sunday night, watched the craft's lights vanish in the storm, then heard it plow into a granite ridge.

Anarchists Sack Port

HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish Frontier.—Austrian anarchists are burning and sacking the ancient Biscay seaport of Gijon and spreading terror among 130,000 civilians, according to Spanish loyalist aviators who flew to the frontier.

The anarchists, they said, are determined to leave the city in ruins before fleeing from the insurgent advance that is less than a few miles away.

Cheer King and Queen

LEEDS.—The King and Queen this week-end toured the Leeds air raid precautions centre as they continued their three-day visit to Yorkshire.

The Earl of Harewood and Alan Lascelles, the King's assistant private secretary, donned gas masks for a few minutes at the King's suggestion.

Their Majesties received an ovation from 150,000 people when they appeared on the balcony of the Leeds Town Hall.

Mussolini Backs Down

LONDON. — Premier Mussolini, running up against a dangerous British-French front, suddenly dropped his defiant attitude and agreed this week to collaborate in a plan to withdraw his Fascist Blackshirts and other foreign "volunteers" from Spain.

Il Duce's conciliatory gesture, which came as a surprise even to Italian diplomats in Rome, held out hopes of solving a three-way deadlock with the Non-Intervention Committee and averting a crisis crammed with possibilities of war.

The Non-Intervention delegates, quick to seize upon Italy's consent to sending a neutral "volunteers" commission to Spain at once, agreed that it constituted "a substantial degree of progress" and asked that immediate steps be taken to put the proposals into operation.

"Token" Withdrawal Approved

PARIS. — The French Government has agreed to Premier Mussolini's conciliatory plan for a "token" withdrawal of foreign volunteers in equal numbers from the Spanish insurgent and loyalist fighting ranks.

Charles Andre Corbin, Ambassador to London, was instructed to announce before the meeting of the Non-Intervention Committee that France has abandoned her demands for a "proportionate" withdrawal.

Charged With Conspiracy

VALENCIA. — Three loyalist commanders were ordered to stand trial this week on a charge of "conspiracy against the republic."

They will be tried by a special judge of the Supreme Court and, under military law, are liable to sentences of execution by a firing squad.

The charges against two were based specifically on the fall of the seaport of Malaga, which the nationalists captured February 8.

Indian Border Clash

SIMLA, India.—An Indian officer and three Indian soldiers were slain and five Indian troopers wounded when British forces clashed with rebel tribesmen in the Waziristan-Northwest Frontier this week.

The clashes occurred at Spinwan and Inzarmaria. The four fatalities occurred in the Spinwan engagement, which also saw two troopers wounded. Two soldiers were wounded in the Inzarmaria fighting. In both engagements the rebels were dispersed after suffering many casualties.

Argentine Elections

BUENOS AIRES.—Former Finance Minister Roberto M. Ortiz this week-end was formally elected President of the Argentine Republic by members of the Electoral College chosen at the September 5 elections.

Ramon Castillo was elected Vice-President.

Good-Will Flight

MONTREAL.—Dr. E. Ginebra, Consul-General for the Dominican Republic here, announced this week-end four planes would make a 20,000-mile good-will flight from Santo Domingo to Montreal at the end of December. The planes will visit Caribbean Island, South America and the United States before coming to Montreal.

Sentenced to Hang

SUDBURY. — Tom Pornomarenko will die for the murder of Sudbury Police Sergeant Fred Davidson, who fell under a hail of bullets July 11 from the gun of Pornomarenko's companion, Victor Gray.

Pornomarenko's defense — that he was intimidated by Gray into joining him in a crime trail through Northern Ontario—failed, and this week-end an Assize Court jury, after one hour and 45 minutes' deliberation, brought in a verdict of guilty. Mr. Justice G. F. McFarland sentenced him to be hanged January 22, 1938.

Bing Crosby a Ph.D.

SPOKANE, Wash. — Crooner Bing Crosby became Harry Lillis Crosby, Ph.D., this week.

Father Leo J. Robinson, President of Conzaga University, conferred the Honorary Doctor of Philosophy degree upon the school's most noted alumnus before an audience of students, alumni and friends who jammed into the campus auditorium.

The university President conferred the honor "because of his eminence" and the pleasure he has "brought to millions of people."

Stalin Nominated

MOSCOW.—Soviet Russia's political leader, Premier and President were nominated as the first candidates for election to the Supreme Soviet under the new constitution.

Workers in a button factory and power plant in the Stalin section of Moscow unanimously adopted a resolution putting forward the name of Joseph Stalin, Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, as "leader of the people."

Medical Experts For China

PARIS. — The League of Nations Control Committee has approved plans to send a corps of medical experts to aid China.

Delegates of Venezuela, France, Russia, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Poland, Hungary, meeting in Paris, authorized this use of 2,000,000 Swiss francs ($460,000) voted Oct. 5 by the League Assembly "to help the Chinese Government in its fight against epidemics."

"Showdown" Battle

SHANGHAI. — More than a half-million men were locked in furious combat along a 20-mile front this week-end in what both Japanese and Chinese military leaders predicted would be a "showdown battle for Shanghai."

The Japanese High Command, informed by diplomatic leaders that it must win a major victory before the meeting of the nine-power treaty nations in Brussels later this week, ordered every resource thrown into the battle to drive the Chinese off the Yangtse delta.

Massey Returns

OTTAWA.—After three days in Ottawa, where he conferred with Prime Minister Mackenzie King and officials of the External Affairs Department, Hon. Vincent Massey, Canadian High Commissioner in London left Friday morning for Quebec. He sailed Saturday to return to his post.

Purge Is Extended

MOSCOW.—Fifty-four persons have been executed at Ulan-Ude, capital of the Buryat-Mongol Republic of the U.S.S.R., for espionage on behalf of the Japanese secret service, according to the Buryat-Mongol Pravda of October 12, received in Moscow this week-end.

More Doctors Arrested

LONDON, Ont.—Two London doctors and two women were arrested this week charged with performing illegal operations. They are: Dr. J. E. McGillicuddy, 54; Dr. Charles A. Cline, Jr., 37; Mrs. Rachael Stock, 66; Mrs. Iris Murray. Bail for each was set at $10,000.

Arrests were the result of an investigation launched after the body of Miss Mary Wilkinson, London school teacher, was found in the Thames River.

Husband Seeks Divorce

DALLAS, Tex.—Arthur Jarrett, actor-husband of Eleanor Holm, 1936 Olympic swimmer, screen actress, said here that he was taking up legal residence in Texas to obtain a divorce.

French Labor Consolidated

PARIS.—The French Labor movement insofar as the steel trade is concerned was at one time divided into 32 different groups, but this week it is consolidated into a united front and has a single voice. This is the picture of the steel workers in France that Albert Costes, Communist representative for the district of la Seine in the French Chamber of Deputies, sketched for his hearers at a meeting in the Public Assistance hall. M. Costes is also secretary of the French Federation of Steel Workers, an organization involving 900,000 men.

Bombed by Soviet Planes

TOKYO.—The newspaper Asahi this week-end reported that 50 Soviet planes bombed several cities in southwestern Sinkiang, China's western province bordering on Russian Turkestan. Red Army troops are now occupying Kashgar, chief Sinkiang city, Asahi charged.

The report said the attack resulted from a dispute between the Russians and local Moslems who challenged the pro-Soviet Chinese authorities.

Seven Ontario Lives Lost In Week-End Accidents

Five Are Killed by Highway Mishaps, Two of Them In Toronto—Many More Injured in Car Crashes and Hunting Accidents Throughout the Province.

Highway crashes, a backwoods fire and a shooting accident took the lives of seven Ontario persons over the week-end. Two of the motor-mishap deaths were in Toronto.

The charred body of Charles Koski, 53-year-old Finn, was recovered from the ashes of his cabin in Narin Township, near Sudbury, Saturday morning. The cause of the fire was not determined.

A verdict of accidental death was brought in by a Coroner's jury Saturday night.

Shot Through Heart

On the outskirts of Port Arthur, Douglas Beatty, 16, was shot through the heart by a bullet from the rifle of another young hunter. He died almost instantly. Beatty and Cyrill Cornell, 14, were climbing a high rock ridge while in the gully below two other lads, Walter Clark, 17, and Arthur Pierce, 16, were shooting unaware of the pair above them.

James Mitchell 28, a foreman in a Gravenhurst brush factory, was killed instantly when an auto in which he was riding collided with another car on the road near Brechin. He and his brother, Laverne, 30, who was injured critically, were on the way to Lindsay for a family reunion. Laverne Mitchell was rushed to Orillia Hospital.

Killed By Auto

Joseph Murphy, 46, was killed instantly Saturday night when the buggy in which he was driving was struck by a car, said by police to have been driven by Ross Rennie, Seaforth collegiate student.

The accident occurred two miles east of Seaforth. At the time a snowstorm was raging, which reduced visibility to a minimum.

Force of the impact threw Murphy to the pavement, where he landed on his head. The car continued for fifty feet, shoving the buggy and horse before it. The horse suffered a broken leg, and was destroyed.

Walked Across Road

George Watts, 76, Larder Lake prospector and well-known former resident of Cobalt, was instantly killed Sunday at Larder Lake when struck by an automobile alleged to have been driven by Louis Arsenault, Larder Lake.

Watts was walking to his claims near Larder Lake when he crossed the road into the path of the car.

Three persons were injured in three motor accidents in the Welland vicinity. Alfred Kent, 32, of Port Colborne; John Fegan, 72, Fonthill, and Frank Swords, Welland, were the victims. None were seriously hurt.

Four Injured

A collision between a truck and an auto injured four St. Catharines residents near Niagara Falls Ont., Saturday. The car, driven by Arthur Cole, 22, skidded on a wet pavement and crashed into the truck. Most seriously injured was K. L. Armstrong, 21, who has a fractured pelvis and lower spine.

Shot in the back when a companion's shotgun discharged accidentally, Norman Libby, 19, Sandwich South Township, near Windsor, was injured dangerously Saturday. He and two companions were hunting rabbits. Two persons were injured in a collision on No. 8 Highway, west of Grimsby, Saturday night. They were Miss Marion Hutchinson and Frederick Sims, both of Hamilton.

Duke and Duchess of Windsor In Paris

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor, centre, are surrounded by guards from the Sureté and [illegible] as friendly crowds push and shove forward to see the famous couple during a visit to the Paris Exposition. They are planning to sail for the United States early in November, after a visit to Germany to study public housing projects.

THE NEWS INTERPRETED

A Commentary On the More Important Events of the Week.

By ELIZABETH EEDY

Babes In Gas Masks

The British Home Office last week practised with babies in a nursing home at Hawkshurst, Kent, as models for fitting gas masks that will serve the rest of Great Britain's baby population in the event of an air raid. A very wise move on the part of the Home Office, we think, since should another war break out, is it not the babes in arms who will get the worst of it?

Stock Market Toboggans

Weakened by a steady retreat since mid-August, the New York, Montreal and Toronto stock markets went down before a selling whirlwind last week into the worst crash in more than four years. Losses in some leading industrial issues mounted as high as $10 a share, and sixty-five per cent. of the gains of the past two years were wiped out. Though the cause of the crash largely remains a mystery, some authorities blamed the undue optimism at the beginning of 1937, and the excessively glowing reports on business that were made at that time. President Roosevelt refused to intervene, would not close the New York exchange nor lift trading restrictions. The day following the crash, however, saw a revival of the market when huge international investment trusts with billions of dollars in resources stepped in and bought from speculators who were frantic to sell. It was feared in some quarters that a major depression would follow close upon the crash, but it is now pretty generally felt that the set-back is only temporary.

Asks Improved Banking System

President Roosevelt speaking at ceremonies dedicating the new Federal Reserve Building at Washington declared that the Government of the United States must improve and co-ordinate credit machinery if it is to "achieve and maintain an enduring prosperity, free from the disastrous extremes of booms and depressions." The banking system will have to be further improved, he said.

May Solve Our Biggest Problem

Canada's "greatest problem," finding a satisfactory basis for relations between the Dominion and the Provinces—in other words, "keeping Canada united"—may be solved by the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations, headed by Chief Justice Rowell, in the opinion of Federal Revenue Minister, Isley, just returned from a conference at Geneva, Switzerland. "At the present time," he said, "we have an outbreak of sectionalism in Alberta that is formidable."

Campaign Against Czechoslovakia

Germany this week intimated that it will not cease its "aggressive menacing press campaign" against the Czechoslovakian Government as long as the Czech police continue to down pro-Nazi demonstrations in that country. The German Government alleges that the German minority in Czechoslovakia are receiving brutal treatment at the hands of the police. The pro-Nazi agitation in Czechoslovakia has, of course, the approval of the German Government which hopes to gain independence for the region in which most of the Czech-German minority live.

Italy Capitulates

Finding that he could no longer stall on the Spanish war participation issue, Mussolini, after giving all the countries of the world a bad scare last week, dropped his defiant attitude and agreed to co-operate in clearing Spain of "volunteer" foreign troops. Faced up against a formidable British-French front, he discovered that withdrawal from his belligerent attitude was the only way out. Thus another crisis crammed with possibilities of war was averted.

Kellogg Brands Japan

Declaring that he could reconcile Japan's present policy in China "neither with the letter nor spirit of the Kellogg-Briand Peace Pact," Frank B. Kellogg, co-author of the pact and former U. S. Secretary of State, said at St. Paul, Minnesota, last week, that the hope of the world for peace depends upon the faithful adherence of nations to their plighted word. The society of nations can exist only upon a foundation of mutual confidence, he believes.

Bermuda Tourists Spend $8,250,000

The Bermuda Trade Development Board last week estimated that revenue from tourists during the 1936-1937 season amounted to approximately $8,250,000.

More than 80,500 visitors came to the colony during the period, with 2,700 coming from Canada. The board estimated that the average Canadian tourist spent $100 in Bermuda, the average from the United States, $140, and typical English tourists, $125.

A world's record for a warship over a distance of over 1,000 miles is believed to have been made by the H.M.S. Amphion in carrying a sick officer from Maocambique to Durban, South Africa, in 37 hours, an average of 30.2 knots an hour.

THE MARKETS

DAIRY PRODUCE

Butter—

Quotations to wholesale trade at Toronto this week-end.

Creamery solids, No. 1	28¼	to 00
do 38 score	27¼	to 00
do 37 score	26¼	to 00
do 36 score	25¼	to 00

Cheese

New large (paraffined)	14¼	to 14½
do twins	14½	to 14¾
do triplets	14¾	to 15

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

New large (paraffined)	13¾	to 13⅞
do triplets	14	to 14⅛

POULTRY AND EGGS

Buying prices:

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

Eggs—

Grade A large	37	to 00
Grade A medium	34	to 00
Pullets	27	to 00
Grade B	22	to 23
Grade C	18	to 00

Dealers were quoted on graded eggs cases free:

Grade A large	39	to 40
Grade A medium	36	to 37
Pullets	30	to 00
Grade B	25	to 26
Grade C	22	to 23

POULTRY

Prices paid to country shippers:

	Dressed. Sel. A	Sel. B.	Milk Fed A.
Spring Chickens			
1 to 2 lbs.	20	18	22
2 to 3 lbs.	19	17	21
3 to 4 lbs.	21	19	23
4 to 5 lbs.	22	20	24
5 lbs. and over	23	21	25

Fatted Hens—

	Dressed. Sel. A.	Sel. B
Over 5 lbs.	16	14
4 to 5 lbs.	15	13
3½ to 4 lbs.	14	12
3 to 3½ lbs.	12	11
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.

Turkeys—

A grade, 10 lbs. and over, dressed .28

Geese—

A grade, dressed .17