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Another Official Removed

MOSCOW. — A. Chernoff was removed as Commissar of Agriculture of the Soviet Union this week-end by the Central Executive Committee. R. I. Eikhe was named his successor.

No reason was given for the dismissal of Chernoff, but alleged anti-Soviet wrecking of agriculture has brought a wave of trials and executions of local officials throughout the provinces within the past two months.

Terrorism Continues

JERUSALEM.—Renewed Arab opposition to the proposed division of Palestine into Arab and Jewish states was expressed here following the fire which destroyed 50,000 of the 2,500,000 trees of the Balfour forest, owned by the Jewish National Fund.

Terrorists were believed to have started the fire, which was extinguished only after a long fight in which police were aided by Jewish colonists.

Germany Declines

BERLIN. — Germany declined the invitation of Belgium to take part in the conference of signatories of the nine-power treaty scheduled to open at Brussels Nov. 3.

A note to the Brussels Government explained that Germany, not being a signatory nor a later adherent to the treaty, "sees itself unable to participate in deliberations over application of the agreement."

100 Killed In Flood

DAMASCUS, Syria.—More than 100 persons were believed killed when a flood engulfed the village of Dmeir, northeast of here. Twelve bodies have been recovered. The water attained a level of nearly 10 feet and several highway communications between Damascus and Baghdad.

The great flood rushed down from the hills and swept through the town, washing away almost all the houses.

Stern Insurgent Advance

HENDAYE.—A Spanish Government communique announced this week-end that an insurgent surprise attack on the Guadalajara front northeast of Madrid had been beaten and the insurgents suffered heavy losses.

General Franco's insurgent troops were driven back into their own trenches, the communique said, leaving a great number of dead and wounded.

Eyston To Try Again

BONNEVILLE SALT FLATS, Utah. —Capt. George E. T. Eyston, who sped 309.6 m.p.h. over the salt desert this week-end, will make another attempt very shortly to better speed records.

Three Britishers Killed

SHANGHAI.—Three Royal Ulster riflemen were killed and several wounded during Japanese shelling of Hungjao, suburb to the west of the International Settlement and home of many foreigners, British military headquarters announced.

Artillery shelling and aerial attack in the Chinese-Japanese war spread damage among mission and other foreign property, and this week-end British defence lines along the Settlement frequently had been under fire.

Branded as Fraud

LONDON. — In a fighting speech, David Lloyd George, war-time Prime Minister of Great Britain, told the House of Commons that non-intervention in Spain was "a boasted failure" and the "greatest, basest fraud and deception ever perpetrated by great nations on a weak people."

Japan's Northern Drive

PEIPING.—Japan's drive from the north and south on Taiyuan-Fu, capital of Shansi province, pushed on this week-end while agents of Lieut.-Gen. Count Juichi Terauchi, supreme Japanese commander in North China, tightened their control over more than 50,000,000 Chinese residents of conquered areas.

Renew Suffrage Demand

LILLE, France.—French women renewed their demands for the right to vote at a mass meeting here this week-end, while the radical-socialist party congress was in session in another part of the city.

Government Leaders Confer

LONDON.—Prime-Minister Neville Chamberlain consulted with Cabinet Ministers from a sick-bed on the necessity of despatching troop reinforcements to the Shanghai war zone as result of the wiping out of a British outpost by Japanese artillery.

Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden conferred lengthily by telephone with Mr. Chamberlain, who is confined with gout at his country home, and was believed to have proposed an immediate protest to the Tokio Government.

Government leaders conferred on the need of additional troops to protect British lives and property in Shanghai's International Settlement.

Won't Let Him Resign

BERLIN.—Efforts of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht to create an accomplished fact by announcing he had ceased to be Germany's Economics Minister were disclosed this week-end to have failed.

Chancellor Hitler, it was learned, has declined for the present to give Dr. Schacht his discharge.

"Suicide" Men Hold Out

SHANGHAI.—A huge blue flag of the Chinese Republic waved mockingly over an army of 40,000 Japanese in shell-wracked Chapei this week-end as a "doomed battalion" of less than two hundred men held out against every effort to drive them out.

The stand of the Chinese "suicide soldiers," who have vowed to die rather than retreat, assumed international proportions when the Japanese invaded British defense territory to attempt a rear attack.

New $100,000,000 Loan

OTTAWA.—To refund the last of the tax-free bonds issued during the war Finance Minister Charles Dunning has announced subscriptions will be opened this week on a new $100,000,000 loan. The maturity of $122,799,800, 5½ per cent. Victory bonds is redeemable Dec. 1, and the balance of over $22,000,000 will be met from revenue.

Forms Belgian Cabinet

BRUSSELS.—Henri de Man, retiring Finance Minister accepted an assignment from King Leopold to form a new Cabinet.

De Man is vice-president of the Belgian Socialist party. If he succeeds in constituting a Government, it will succeed that of Paul van Zeeland, who resigned, better to combat the "odious campaign of lies" waged against him.

Quint Conference

TORONTO.—Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe, physician to the Dionne quintuplets, was merely a spectator at this week-end's scientific conference on the quints, held in the Royal York Hotel. Educational scientists from various parts of the United States and Canada attended.

Russia Brings On Deadlock

LONDON. — Soviet Russia stood alone this week-end in firm refusal to approve belligerency recognition for the Spanish combatants prior to full repatriation of foreign volunteers from the forces of both parties in the civil war.

A non-intervention subcommittee session which adjourned until Tuesday succeeded only in accentuating the deadlock between the Russian and Italo-German viewpoints. Soviet Ambassador Moisky refrained from voting on the belligerency question, which, he said, his Government considered outside the non-intervention realm.

German Ambassador von Ribbentrop accused Russia of trying to sabotage non-intervention.

Held As Witness

SAULT STE. MARIE, Ont.—Vernon Spencer, 40-year-old Wixton, Mich., sportsman, was held in custody here by Coroner Dr. J. P. Keith as a material witness in the death of Helen Grier, Battle Creek, Mich., found shot through the head in an isolated Long Lake, Ont., cottage.

Outbreak In Morocco

CASABLANCA, French Morocco.—Detachments of France's famed Foreign Legion advanced this week-end through the narrow streets of Fez, Holy City of Western Arabs, to encircle Karouyine University, where several hundred Moslem Nationalists were reported to have barricaded themselves.

Encirclement of the university, in the old native quarter of French Morocco's largest city, followed a fresh outbreak of rioting attributed to an insurrection plot of the Moroccan National Party.

Chinese Won't Accept

PARIS.—A high Chinese authority said this week that acceptance of peace terms outlined by a Japanese spokesman would "be a betrayal of the Chinese people and the beginning of complete dismemberment of China."

The Chinese spokesman said both major proposals—temporary occupation of China's five northern Provinces by Japan and creation of an international zone about Shanghai — were out of the question from the Chinese point of view.

Alberta Hearing

OTTAWA.—Early in the new year appears the most likely time for the hearing by the Supreme Court of Canada of argument on the right of the Dominion Government to disallow Provincial legislation.

Breaks Seaplane Record

PERNAMBUCO, Brazil. — France's giant flying boat Lieutenant de Vaisseau Paris broke the world's record for straight-line distance by a seaplane when it landed at Maceio on the Brazil coast, 300 miles north of Bahia, this week.

The great ship took off from Port Lyautey, Morocco, and flew a distance of 5,780 kilometres (3,591.5 miles) in slightly over 34 hours, at an average speed of 103 miles an hour.

International Zone Threatened

SHANGHAI. — Every man able to bear arms in the International Settlement was placed on emergency call this week-end as Shanghai's bloody war, raging up to the banks of Soochow Creek, threatened to spill over into the foreign zone.

Five thousand British troops and American marines manned barricades stretching the length of the creek, which forms the northwest boundary of the foreign zone. They were under orders to resist to the limit any attacking force.

Threat to the Settlement, where there are thousands of British, Americans and other foreigners, despite the mass evacuations early in the war, was the most serious since hostilities broke out here on Aug. 14.

Thousands of Chinese soldiers, with escape nearly cut off by advancing Japanese lines in Chapei, across the creek from the foreign zone, were being pressed back against the American defense sector. British riflemen, using gun butts, smashed lanes through frantic Chinese who clustered at the Settlement border, and permitted a thin line of wounded civilians to trickle over the border.

Japan Won't Attend

TOKIO. — Japan formally rejected an invitation to attend the Brussels Nine-Power Conference, declaring the meeting was inspired by the League of Nations and would "put serious obstacles in the path of a just and proper solution" of the Far Eastern situation.

10,000 Killed In Pass

PEIPING.—Japanese Army spokesmen in North China asserted that at least 10,000 Chinese were killed in fighting which culminated this week-end in penetration of historic Niangtzekwan Pass and the capture of Pingtang.

SPORT TODAY

By KEN EDWARDS

Hello, gang! — Back again from the old fishing grounds, and how they take those little minnows. There are plenty of whitefish in Lake Simcoe now. Why don't you try it sometime?

Well, did you get around to answering last week's question? What wrestler has had his nose broken 23 times? The answer is Little Beaver, the 24-year-old Cherokee Indian iron man.

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"War Admiral" is following in the foot-steps of pappy "Man o' War." It seems he had a hoof injury last season but now in his first few races he is walking away well in the lead.

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At the time when the big Owlahoma oil wells were discovered on the Indian reserves, oil was their gold, hence one old Indian chief appropriately named his race horse "Black Gold."

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Max Schmeling, the German, will fight Harry Thomas, of Chicago, in December, in New York. Last year Harry won 13 fights out of 15, with 8 knockouts.

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What famous bicycle rider allowed his brother to chop off half of his index finger because of snake bite?

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So long—Ken.

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Two Hundred Scientists Study Quints Two Days

Dr. Dafoe Announces to Conference of Specialists That Quints Will Soon Be Living With Parents—Many Observations On Trip to Callander.

The Dionne quintuplets may soon be living under the same roof as their parents and attending school and otherwise mixing with other children, Dr. A. R. Dafoe, informed more than 200 scientists and their friends in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, on Saturday night.

His prediction of the complete change in early store for the world-famous "quints", was made at a banquet at which he was the guest of honor. A few hours previously, Dr. Dafoe had reported at a conference of the scientists that the five little Dionne girls under his care had overcome the handicap of premature birth and were normal children.

Any Time Now

Just when their removal from their present "glassed-in" life is to take place, the doctor would not say, but the intimation was there that the new plans were being studied carefully and might be put into effect at any time.

Science's two-day meeting to study the quintuplets moved into Callander on Sunday for a visit with the famous babies.

Study at First Hand

They went to Callander in a special train, spending ten and one-half hours travelling, to have two hours at the Dafoe Nursery. They left Toronto early Sunday morning.

Saturday's day-long conference on the quintuplets was the first to be held since the birth of the famous babies. Eight scientists of the University of Toronto, to whom had been trusted the long study of the children, reported on their development in respect to routine training, early social development, mental growth, language development, self-discipline, biological development, and physical welfare.

Suggestions were made at the banquet by both Dr. Dafoe and Dr. Duncan McArthur, Deputy Minister of Education, that model schools might follow the training that had been given the quintuplets. Dr. Dafoe said that he hoped shortly to be able to let the children mix with other children and that perhaps they might be able to attend a school near Callander with other children.

"Like the Royal Family"

"I think it is far better to train the children almost like the Royal family," said Dr. Dafoe. "No matter what those children do from now until the day they die, they will always be the focus of attention, and they might as well get accustomed to it." They would, however, be given normal training, in school and in other respects.

To the afternoon conference, Dr. Dafoe and his brother, Dr. William A. Dafoe, reported: "The quints have at last overcome the handicap of premature birth and are physically normal. Their average weight is slightly above the average weight for children of their age. Their height is still a little under normal. Their chest measurements are above normal."

Yvonne Is Brightest

Regarding mental growth, Drs. W. E. Blatz and D. A. Millichamp reported:

"The Gesell, Kuhlman and Merrill-Palmer tests were applied to the quintuplets. Yvonne ranks highest in achievement, Marie lowest; Cecile and Annette alternate for second and Emilie switches from last to fourth.

Tests will continue. The next two or three years will be most significant in view of the questions which are unanswered by the data collected to date."

THE NEWS INTERPRETED

A Commentary On the More Important Events of the Week.

By ELIZABETH EEDY

Finance Wizard Resigns

Although Nazi officials dendied that any decision regarding Dr. Hjalmar Horace Greeley Schacht, German Minister of Economics, had been reached, Dr. Schacht considers himself discharged from office. The Minister, whose astounding feats of financial juggling the past few years have kept Germany's economic affairs on a workable basis, has long been at variance with certain of the Nazi leaders. Trouble first came to a head with the institution of the four-year plan sponsored by General Goering, the No. 2 Nazi. Asked about the Government's denial that he was leaving office, Dr. Schacht said: "The official announcement of my resignation will be made yesterday, today or tomorrow." The Minister desires also to withdraw from the presidency of the Reichsbank, the Government agency for the control of German banking. What will Germany do without him?

Ontario Trains Tourist Caterers

One of the newer vocations opening up for the young people of Ontario, especially now that the tourist trade is becoming a major industry, is the tourist-catering profession. Starting later this month or early in December, a course in wayside booth selling, advertising proper cabin accommodation and the care of overnight tourists will be made available to all young people interested, by the Women's Institutes Department of Ontario in connection with the National Employment Commission. Such a training will be of special use to young people in districts well travelled by tourists which are yet poor farming country.

"By All Honorable Means"

Again the voice from the south heard above the din of European squabbling and preparing for war: "We, as a nation, are at peace with all the world and for that we are thankful. We have no plans for conquest. To keep the peace is a fundamental policy of the United States. War will be avoided by all honorable means." Also in his Navy Day Letter, President Roosevelt warned that the United States will maintain a sea strength sufficient to "ensure a righteous peace."

Relief List Reduced

Latest figures issued by Ottawa show that unemployment and relief have decreased during the past year in the Dominion of Canada. In September, 1937, there were 73,479 fewer people on relief than in September, 1936. Responsible for the drop are better times, provincial and municipal work projects, activities of the National Employment Commission, the land settlement plan under which unemployed are assisted in becoming established on farms.

Belgian Cabinet Crisis

Premier Paul Van Zeeland resigned last week from the leadership of the Belgian Government in order to fight the charges of Rexist (Fascist) opponents that he was mixed up in a "national bank scandal." His cabinet resigned with him as a confidence gesture. The resulting crisis in Belgium forced the postponement of the nine-power conference which was to have met in Brussels Saturday to find an "amicable" solution to the Sino-Jap embroglio.

New Irrigation Projects

At a cost of more than $100,000, two new projects for irrigating areas in the Canadian west have been announced to be carried out under the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Act. The work will be done in the Brooks, Alberta, irrigation district; and in the Cypress Hills area of Southern Saskatchewan. The Government scheme involves taking over the land at about $10 an acre and reselling it at the same figure. Land will be used for placing farmers from poor lands.

Louse Inhabits Mouldy Volumes

Likes Damp Tomes in Sharp Contrast to the Book Worm

The book louse, a tiny, almost transparent insect, has won a place on the list of things city apartment dwellers worry about.

The little fellow — no relation of the book worm — already has rated an investigation of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and seems about to become the object of a drive by the nation's organized pest fighters.

Reaches Nuisance Status

Dr. E. A. Back, of the bureau of Entomology said the louse has reached full-fledged nuisance status and cited reports of apartment house occupants breaking leases to get away from the pests.

The pest generally is seen on or in books which have become damp or mouldy. Technically, the insect is a psocid and no louse at all.

"They don't bite, they don't carry disease," he declared.

It is now a traffic menace in Istanbul to stop a person in the street and ask for a match.

THE MARKETS

DAIRY PRODUCE

Butter—

Quotations to wholesale trade at Toronto this week-end.

Creamery solids, No. 7	29¼ to 29½
do 38 score	28¼ to 28½
do 37 score	27¼ to 27½
do 36 score	26¼ to 26½
Cheese	
New large (paraffined)	14 to 14¼
do twins	14¼ to 14½
do triplets	14½ 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 producers for ungraded eggs, delivered, cases returned:

Eggs—	
Grade A large	38 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	40 to 00
Grade A medium	36 to 37
Pullets	30 to 00
Grade B	26 to 00
Grade C	22 to 23

POULTRY

Prices paid to country shippers:

	Dressed. Sel. A	Dressed. Sel. B.	Milk Fed A.
Spring Chickens			
1 to 2 lbs.	20	18	22
2 to 3 lbs.	16	14	00
3 to 4 lbs.	18	16	00
4 to 5 lbs.	19	17	21
5 lbs. and over	20	18	22

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

Turkeys—	
A grade, 10 lbs. and over, dressed	20 to 00
Geese—	
A grade, dressed	14 to 00

LIVE POULTRY PRICES

(Supplied by Canada Packers.)

Chickens over 5 lbs.	.17
Chickens 4 to 5 lbs.	.15
Fowl over 5 lbs.	.15
Fowl 4 to 5 lbs.	.14

What Do the "Doodle Boats" Do?

An example of quaint British nomenclature is brought forward in the curious name given these specially built boats designed for service at sea-lane bases of Imperial Airways. They are called "Doodle Bugs" and they will be used to police aircraft alighting areas and also to tow flying-boats to and from their moorings. They are shown during a recent test run on Southampton Water.