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Nobel Peace Prize

OSLO.—Viscount Cecil Chelwood, famed British pacifist and head of the British League of Nations Union this week was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 1937.

Lord Cecil is now in the United States as guest of the Church Peace Union and the World Alliance and is scheduled to make speeches in New York and Boston.

Hope Lies With League

NEW YORK.—Viscount Cecil, of Chelwood, Nobel Peace Prize winner, this week-end declared that "rehabilitation of the League of Nations" was the greatest single hope for peace.

He added that it was not necessary to 'reform" the League, but that there are "several small things" which should be adjusted, including the scrapping of Article II and separation of the League from the Versailles Treaty.

Investigate Huge Conspiracy

PARIS.—Raids to ferret out arms depots of a secret military organization accused of "plotting against the security of the state" were extending into the provinces this week-end on orders of the Surete Nationale.

Minister of Interior, Marx Dormoy, after a conference with Premier Camille Chautemps, declared "the affair is getting bigger and more serious every minute."

Mr. Simpson Married

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. — Mrs. Mary Kirk Raffray this week-end became the bride of Ernest A. Simpson, divorced husband of her childhood chum, the Duchess of Windsor.

Baltimore-born, like the former Wallis Warfield, who after her divorce from the London shop broker married the Duke of Windsor, Mrs. Raffray motored to near-by Fairfield with Simpson for the wedding.

Session Suspended

PARIS.—A heated verbal attack by former Police Prefect Jean Chiappe on Communists touched off a row in the Chamber of Deputies this week-end which ended when President Edouard Herriot walked out, thereby suspending the session.

Chiappe reviewed Communist activities from the Rightist viewpoint.

To Stand To The Last

SHANGHAI. — Fighting through mud and rain, Japanese this week-end drove the last Chinese defenders from Kashing and occupied that vital southern link in the Chinese lines. Central Japanese columns approached to within three miles of Soochow, and northern detachments threatened to make untenable Chinese positions at Changshu.

About 125 miles northwest of the line 12 Chinese divisions under the veteran General Tang Shen-Chi entrenched themselves in strong defense positions just outside Nanking. The Nanking official spokesman declared they were prepared to defend the city "to the last".

1000-Acre Reforestation

WALKERTON.—Bruce County will start reforestation of a 1,000-acre tract in Amabel Township south of Wiarton, the Council decided at its closing session this week. Options already taken on 500 acres of land will be increased by the purchase of another 500 acres.

Alberta's Debt Decreased

EDMONTON.—Alberta's net funded debt decreased $746,317 during the last six months, it was shown in an interim financial report issued by Provincial Treasurer Solon Low. The report stated the net funded and unfunded debt as Sept. 30 was $157,984,176, compared with $158,730,493 at March 31.

Best Military Rides

TORONTO.—Eleven thousand spectators thundered their acclaim when Lieutenant Marshall Cleland of the Canadian army team, riding Roxanna, won the spectacular "Touch and out" contest in vigorous competition with the best military riders and horses of five nations, including his own, at the Horse Show at the Winter Fair.

More Troops For Libya

ROME.—Premier Mussolini's Cabinet this week-end published a decree authorizing expenditure of $10,540,000 for establishing a second army corps in Libya, bringing Fascist military strength in the North African colony to 100,000 troops.

Jump Padlock

MONTREAL. — The French-Canadian Leftist weekly, "La Clarte," was in the hands of subscribers this week-end despite the padlocking of its offices by Premier Duplessis's orders a week ago.

Sweep-lined on the front page was the challenge:

"Notice to Duplessis. Nobody ever shall suppress La Clarte, defender of the people and of civil and labor rights."

Our Income Rises

OTTAWA. — During the twelve months ending in September of this year the tide of recovery had run so strongly in Canada that national income, reaching approximately $5,000,000,000, was the largest in the last seven years and the rate of economic advance of Canada during the year was greater than that of any year in the last decade except 1934, S. H. Logan told the Canadian Bankers' Association in his retiring Presidential address.

France Offers Share

PARIS.—France tactfully invited Germany this week-end to share in the exploitation of her colonial empire, part of which was taken from Germany after the Great War, under a plan whereby the Reich would be given raw materials in exchange for manufactured goods.

The Ministry of Colonies, apprehensive over Fuehrer Adolf Hitler's colonial demands, announced in a communique its willingness to study a project for exchanging credits under such an agreement.

The manufactured goods from Germany would be used entirely in development of the colonies, it was stated.

British-American Trade

LONDON.—British industry has endorsed Prime Minister Chamberlain's announcement to the House of Commons that negotiations were contemplated for a British-American trade treaty.

Forecasts were heard in political circles that negotiations would not be concluded before the end of next March. They take the place of informal and exploratory discussions in progress for some time.

Freight Cars Derailed

PORT ARTHUR.—Traffic on two lines was held up this week-end by derailment of thirteen Canadian Pacific Railway freight cars near Red Rock, fifty miles east of here.

Lethbridge - Edmonton Route

VANCOUVER. — Discussing efforts of Vancouver organizations to obtain direct air mail connection with the Yukon Territory, Defense Minister Ian Mackenzie said in an interview here it would be better if attempts were made to establish a subsidiary air line to the North.

Technical experts of Trans-Canada Airlines had decided the Lethbridge-Edmonton route was preferable to the central British Columbia or coast route, the Minister stated.

Russia Ready on Border

MOSCOW.—Marshal Vassily Konstantinovich Bluecher, Commander of the Red army along the Far Eastern frontier, this week-end exhorted his troops and the Soviet Pacific fleet to stand ready to carry a war against Fascism "beyond our frontiers."

Trade Agreement With U. S.

OTTAWA.—Negotiations are contemplated for a new trade agreement between Canada and the United States, Prime Minister Mackenzie King announced this week. Exploratory conversations have been in progress since August, the Prime Minister said.

Ships Arms to China

MANILA.—British arms shipments to China are reaching Hong Kong in such volume that warehouses are jammed, according to reliable private messages from the British Crown colony this week.

The shipments were said to have been made by private British interests with the "encouragement" of the London Foreign Office, which was said to be anxious that the Chinese obtain adequate munitions and to offset a clear-cut Japanese victory in China.

Japs Make for Nanking

SHANGHAI.—Warships of Japan's third battle fleet this week-end blasted away Chinese obstructions in the channel of the Yangtse River above Shanghai opening the way for a naval bombardment of China's devastated central capital—Nanking.

The Chinese, fearing more Japanese aerial bombings in advance of the impeding naval attacks, hastened their partial evacuation of the capital and made last-minute changes in their plans to continue the war, despite the crushing defeats they have suffered around Shanghai and in the northern Provinces. They said seventy Japanese warships were in the lower Yangtse.

Agreement With El Salvador

OTTAWA.—A trade agreement between Canada and the Central American Republic of El Salvador, granting mutual most-favored-nation tariffs, was announced here this week-end.

The agreement, signed at San Salvador Nov. 2, provided one exception to favored-nation tariffs—advantages given Central American Republics by El Salvador will not be disturbed as long as they are not extended to other countries.

Cold Weather in Spain

HENDAYE.—Winter weather paralyzed military action on Spanish war fronts this week. Neither side reported any fighting.

Observers believed the advent of winter would prove a major obstacle to Insurgent General Franco's campaign for an early end to the conflict.

Winners at Royal

TORONTO.—To United States and Manitoba went the top awards in the female classes as the judging of the largest showing of Belgian horses that has ever been forwarded at the Royal Winter Fair was completed.

Senior and grand champion mare was the 3-year-old Aida de Bierbeek, shown by Sugar Grove Farm, Aurora, Ill. Their yearling filly, Madelene Supreme, was the reserve junior champion, and they also had the winner of the class of sixteen yeld mares.

The Quints' Education

NEW YORK.—When the Dionne quintuplets reach school-age, possibly in a year and a half, when they will be five, they will learn their A. B.C.'s in a classroom built with the money their fame brought them.

Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe said here that their education would be interfered with if they went to a regular school like other children. He told a press conference that because the five little sisters of Callander, Ont, "are in the same class as princesses, fated to live in the spotlight all their lives," they would have to be educated by private tutors.

Airmail In Alaska

WASHINGTON — The United States postal officials said this week they would open bids Dec. 15 for airmail contracts providing weekly service between Juneau, Alaska, Whitehorse, Yukon, and Fairbanks, Alaska. Officials said the mail would be flown once a week between Juneau and Whitehorse and on a similar schedule between Whitehorse and Fairbanks.

Wed in Mourning

LONDON.—His bride of a few hours in tears and wearing mourning, Grand Duke Ludwig of Hesse started for Ostend this week-end on a sad honeymoon—to claim the bodies of his entire immediate family, who perished in a flaming airplane there.

The Grand Duke and his bride, Miss Margaret Campbell Geddes, daughter of Sir Auckland Geddes, were married at St. Peter's Church in Eaton Square. It was a strange wedding. Rejoicing was replaced by sorrow and the wedding gowns with sombre black.

Canada's Death Rate

OTTAWA.—Canada's 1936 death roll was 106,617, according to preliminary figures published in the annual report of the National Health Department. This represented a ration of 9.7 per thousand of population.

The highest rate was in Prince Edward Island, 11.1, and the lowest in Saskatchewan, 6.7.

Labor "Ginger" Party

LONDON.—The Labor Party this week announced its new front bench to put more "ginger" in its attacks on the Government. But it turned out to be much the same front bench that has faced the National Government across the House of Commons since the 1935 election, and even before.

A "ginger group" of twelve was elected to sit with Clement Attlee, Leader of the Opposition; Arthur Greenwood, Deputy Leader; the party Whips, and the Executive Committee.

THE MARKETS

HAY AND STRAW

No. 2 timothy, $10 to $11 per ton; No. 3 timothy, $9 to $10; oats and wheat straw, $6 to $7. Above prices f.o.b. Toronto.

GRAIN QUOTATIONS

Following are the week-end's quotations on grain transactions at Toronto for car lots, prices on basis c.i.f. bay ports:

Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, $1.43⅝; No. 2 Northern, $1.39⅝; No. 3 Northern $1.18⅛; No. 4 Northern, $1.10⅝.

Western oats—No. 2 C.W., 55½c; No. 3 C.W., 49½c; No. 1 feed, 48½c.

Manitoba barley — No. 3 C.W., 65½c; No. 5 C.W., 64½c; No. 1 feed screenings, $28 per ton.

South African corn, 87c, track Montreal.

Ontario grain, approximate prices track shipping point—Wheat, 96c to 98c; oats, 38c to 40c; barley, 52c to 54c; corn, 60c to 62c; rye, 70c to 73c; buckwheat, 54c to 56c; malting barley, 63c to 65c; milling oats, 39c to 41c.

DAIRY PRODUCE

Butter—

Quotations to wholesale trade at Toronto this week-end.

Creamery solids, No. 1	30¼ to 30½
do 38 score	29½ to 00
do 37 score	28½ to 00
do 36 score	27½ 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)	13⅝ to 00
do triplets	13⅞ 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	37 to 00
Grade A medium	31 to 00
Pullets	27 to 00
Grade B	22 to 00
Grade C	18 to 00

Dealers were quoted on graded eggs cases free:

Grade A large	40 to 00
Grade A medium	35 to 00
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

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Heavy Snowfall Blocks Western Ontario Roads

Thirty Inches Fell This Week-end In Forest District—Sarnia Isolated—Automobile Fatality at Collingwood.

TORONTO. — King Winter had most of Western Ontario in an icy grip this week-end following a heavy snowfall that varied from thirty inches at Forest to two and one-half inches at Collingwood.

Only fatality reported was Isabel Arbuthnot, 24-year-old cashier in the Collingwood Creamery plant, who was instantly killed there when the automobile in which she had been a passenger got out of control during a heavy snowstorm and crashed into a ditch off the main highway, just on the outskirts of the town.

Heaviest Fall In 25 Years

Driver of the car at the time of the fatal crash was George Eastland, of Thornbury, who escaped with minor injuries only. The young woman, according to police, had been thrown from the machine when it had passed over large rocks in the ditch before turning on its side. There were no eye-witnesses to the accident.

The district around Forest and Sarnia was hit the hardest by the snowstorm. Thirty inches fell in Forest and near-by points, the heaviest fall known there in more than twenty-five years. Roads were blocked in all directions, as well as town streets and sidewalks. Snow-plows were used in an attempt to make traffic possible.

Dozen Cars Ditched

Snow was still falling in Sarnia late Sunday night, with the district already covered two feet deep. Highways and streets were glazed with ice. Between Sarnia and London more than a dozen motor vehicles were ditched on Sunday, while no busses were able to reach Sarnia from outside points. A strong northeast wind started the snow drifting.

Sixteen inches of snow fell in the Goderich district, a radius of twenty miles either way. Motor traffic was slowed down to a "walk" owing to poor visibility and drifted roads. Numerous cars slid into ditches and a truckload of hogs upset on Holmesville Hill, on Highway No. 8, ten miles east of Goderich. The driver and his animals were not hurt.

King of Belgians Congratulates Mothers

King Leopold of the Belgians converses with one of the mothers of large families as he rewards such of his subjects with diplomas, in ceremonies at Roulers, Flanders, Belgium. Symbolically enough, the monarch appears in military attire.

THE NEWS INTERPRETED

A Commentary On the More Important Events of the Week.

By ELIZABETH EEDY

VACANT SPOTS: Speaking in Winnipeg last week, Right Hon. R. B. Bennett declared that the British Dominions must build up their populations and fill in the vacant spots towards which the jealous eyes of other less fortunate countries are now turning. Question: How shall we fill these "vacant spots" in a hurry? Mr. Bennett's solution to the problem is Empire co-operation, by which he means, no doubt, encouragement of emigration from the more crowded areas of Britain's domains.

CONSPIRACY IN FRANCE: — France, one of Europe's few remaining democracies, has her own troubles. Since the fall of Blum's Popular Front government this summer, they have increased a hundred fold in view of the fact that the present administration headed by Premier Camille Chautemps is neither definitely of the Left nor of the Right, but is at the mercy of both factions. Every now and then Rightist agitators, believed to be backed by Fascist interests, are arrested when authorities come upon a cache of arms, a bomb-proof shelter. Rumors are now current that the Rightists are preparing a "putsch" against the government.

Too many issues are involved for Blum's Socialists to attempt at this time to regain the seat of government. A revolution such as that of 1789 would have to be faced, with international complications too drastic to contemplate.

CANADIAN CAPITAL: We have been hearing a great deal the past few years about the domination of Canadian industry by American capital. Refutation of that idea is made this week by the Secretary of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, D. H. Ward, who addressed a service club in Leicester, England. Says Mr. Ward: Of every $100 invested in Canadian industry, $70.60 is Canadian, $21.14 American and $7.92 from the United Kingdom. He declares that there are about 1,400 United States controlled or affiliated companies in Canada, but only 68 per cent. of them are manufacturing concerns. Of capital invested in these companies, only 38 per cent. is in manufacturing. The minority interest in these companies, coming to about 22 per cent., is chiefly Canadian, he says. Cheering news, this! We may now begin to hold up our heads.

PASSING THE BUCK: It's happened again! Deadlocked, the Nine-Power Conference meeting at Brussels to settle the question of the Sino-Jap conflict, had to give up trying to mediate in toto. In the first place, they were powerless because Japan refused to have anything to do with the Conference, would consider none of its proposals. When Ambassador Norman Davis of the United States made a rather non-committal speech inferring that action should be taken against Japan, it was immediately seized upon as the opening all had been waiting for. Foreign Minister Anthony Eden immediately let it be known that Britain would follow the American lead. The United States then accepted the appointment as Committee of One, backed by Britain and France, to take fitting steps to end the war in China. But before the United States can institute any steps, Congress will have to be agreeable. Do you think they will do anything? Frankly, we don't.

THOSE ELECTION SPEECHES: The Canadian Broadcasting Commission is celebrating its first birthday with a conference on the many and complex problems which have come before the board during the past year. One of the most important questions to be discussed is the broadcasting of political speeches during election campaigns, those speeches that were such a headache to nine-tenths of the people who listened in this September and October. Many these are who actually enjoyed the broadcasts, who appear grateful for the political information they derived therefrom, but judging by the number of protests received by Major W. E. Gladstone Murray, the Commission's General Manager, it is pretty generally felt that the candidates and their backers were wasting both time and money in monopolizing the air waves.

POOR SPORTS: The November season of pheasant shoots brings its annual crop of cruelty stories, tales of "sportsmen" who "fish" for birds by placing baited hooks on wire fences, or drive wounded birds into the lake forcing them to drown. In Essex County Court this week, William Ferguson, Pelee Island farmer, denounced the hunters as "maniacs" and "savages," claiming that two men had shot his chickens along with wild pheasants. Another story tells of two hunters who ignored a "No Trespassing" sign on a certain farmer's property, pursued a pheasant to the farmer's very back door, turned deaf ears to his pleas that they spare its life. The bird was a family pet, tame for many years. Poor sportsmanship, we call it. More game wardens are needed who will take an active interest in their job and put a stop to such vandalism.

Suicide Proves Invention

A locksmith of Petrovgrad, Jugoslavia, Josip Majsner, invented an automatic rifle which, he claimed, would fire 10 bullets when a button was pressed. But none of those to whom he showed the invention were at all interested; and, in desperation, he shot himself with the weapon. He left behind him a note claiming that his body would prove his claims about the rifle's efficiency.

Police examined the corpse and it showed that the rifle fired 10 bullets simultaneously. Seven of these bullets were found in his body.

Now, to add a touch of grim humor, enquiries are being received from firms who want to patent the rifle.

"America is much more susceptible to the financial effects of a war scare, and indeed more prone to the scare itself."—Sir Josiah Stamp.

Weather Influences Human Behaviour

Culture Usually Tumbles With the Temperature

Dr. Raymond H. Wheeler, of Kansas peered into a 110-pound "almanac", and forecast a forty-year cold and dry spell accompanied by general proletarian thunderstorms and religious high-pressure areas.

The middle-class rumblings, he said, will culminate in revolt of the European masses, a cyclone of ballots that will drive dictators into their storm cellars and install a new leadership.

Then, Dr. Wheeler predicted, will come a period of rising individualism and competition that will reach a climax when the new middle classes do break into actual revolution — much as they did during the Reformation era of the sixteenth century.

Ice Age May Be Coming

For four years Dr. Wheeler, University of Kansas psychologist, has been studying weather cycles and their effects on human behaviour since the beginning of time. In his huge "almanac" — its pages are four feet across — he has correlated data that, he says, prove the two move hand in hand.

Culture, Dr. Wheeler's studies showed him, always tumbles with the temperature and, if the human animal reacts true to historical form, the cold spell in the offing will produce an effect paralleling that of the Ice Ages.

Warm, damp weather, on the other hand, brings a surge of art, literature and science — a period like the Renaissance.

"Over the Worst Now"

At present, he said, the world is in a 'drop toward decadency." However, it is "over the worst" and, "as we continue to go down, everything will take on a new aspect. There will be a re-emphasis of the individual and a revival of evangelism in religion. Crime will continue to be biological instead of economic as long as we drop and will switch to the reverse when we start our upward climb."

"All lines of business and culture may base their future on the study of the past," the psychologist said. "They may effect a permanent stabilization."