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Forgotten Hero

Among the forgotten heroes is the stork in the Millar will derby.—Hamilton Spectator.

Or Grapefruit!

An exchange points out that the trouble with too many ambitious men in the public eye is that they are in the public eye—like a cinder.—Calgary Herald.

Undisturbed

Canada's gold, nickel, copper and lead mines are yielding more than ever before in our history. Evidently haven't heard the tales of the ticker-tapes.—Ottawa Journal.

Absolutely Essential

Unless a larger spirit of goodwill is built up between the provinces of Canada, this Dominion is certain to face troubled times. It should not be difficult for any provincial government to achieve at least a measure of understanding of the viewpoints and problems of other provinces. After all, it is very doubtful if the people of any province, as individuals, harbor ill-will toward their fellow Canadians who happen to live in other parts of the Dominion. — Edmonton Journal.

No Holiday For Death

The shadow of Ontario's traffic toll over Christmas had been deepening in repeated warning that it would be an alarming one. It was an alarming one. More people were killed in the province than in the state of New York, an appalling number injured. That is one of the most sinister elements in this never-ending tragedy of the roads. It is worked out like a business chart. The shattered lives and sorrow that follow in its wake are down now to a numerical proposition. Its a chilling commentary on carelessness and negligence. — Hamilton Spectator.

Rights of the People

It is well for the people to remember always that the freedom of the press is not a privilege enjoyed by owners, publishers and editors of newspapers for their own exclusive use and advantage. As a matter of fact, the press has no special privilege before the law. Freedom of the press was granted not to newspapers but to the people. Without it, democracy cannot function. Newspapers may be irked at suppression of news but it is the people who are injured when a right is enjoined. The people who are shut off from facts about their governments or news of nations or peoples are the principal sufferers. — Brandon Sun.

Canada's Task In 1938

Make Canada one nation: that is Canada's job of the year. It is a job to which every citizen must put his hand.

To leave it to selfish, narrow-minded provincial politicians of the type that have been particularly vocal in recent weeks is to jeopardize our future as a nation.

The job will require a modernized constitution.

It will require the best wisdom and judgment the Rowell Commission can bring to bear on our complex financial and taxation puzzles.

It will require elimination of overlapping services and of the vexatious confusion and waste that have crept into our governmental system since 1867.

It will require encouragement of every unifying force such as our national publications.

Above all, it will require the active co-operation of all Canadians who believe Canada should go forward as one nation and who are prepared to make sacrifices, if necessary, to achieve this end.

This is Canada's job for 1938.—Toronto Financial Post.

War Diet Kills Madrid Elephant

Pancho, the Retiro Park Zoo elephant, who thrilled generations of Madrid children, died last week, a war casualty.

Pancho, ill for months from undernourishment, died in his snow-filled pen without having tasted a peanut or any tidbit except coarse black bread for 17 months.

What is left of the fat of his body will be converted into grease for war purposes.

"The bungling, over-sentimental or wilful handling of the parole problem still remains one of the greatest disgraces America has ever known." — J. Edgar Hoover.

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Love's Autopsy

The acting chairman of the Australian Wine Board has asserted that lack of knowledge of cooking is perhaps the most prolific cause of divorce. The statement is provocative in this compressed form, but when it is expanded it sounds quite feasible. Bad cooking means bad indigestion; bad indigestion means bad temper; bad temper leads to the death of love. So the autopsy reveals that love died of wounds inflicted by (a) a blunt instrument such as a frying-pan, and (b) a shart instrument such as a can-opener. But bad cooking does not always lead to divorce. Many a husband proves long-suffering in more senses than one. Although he speedily learns that his "lass with a delicate air" is also a lass with a delicatessen flair, he forgives her.—Melbourne Argus.

Stimulating Migration

For some years British migration to Australia was in the doldrums; in fact the flow of migration ran backward, with a loss to Australia of nearly 30,000 people of British stock during the period 1930-36. Now the tide has turned at last, and the flow is in the normal direction, outwards from Britain to this country. In the nine months ended in September of last year our population gained 117 people by migration. For the same period this year the gain was 2,438, a rapid and gratifying increase which is also a natural indication of the change from depression to economic recovery. With better conditions, too, there has been a recent psychological change in the attitude to migration, both here and in Great Britain. It is felt—and felt rightly—that the time has come when pracical plans for stimulating British migration should be worked out and put into action. — Sydney (Australia) Herald.

Lawyers Offer Services Free

Four Young Winnipeg Lawyers Have Been Appointed to Hear Inquiries From Those Unable to Pay.

Persons unable to pay for legal advice will be assisted by a social service to be set up in Winnipeg and to be known as the Needy Persons' Advising Centre.

R. B. MacInnes of the Law Society of Manitoba, announced the new service, being sponsored by the society. It will be carried on for a year in the Winnipeg judicial area after which decision will be made as to whether the service should branch into all judicial districts of Manitoba.

Meet For Consultation

Mr. MacInnes said a committee of four young lawyers has been appointed by the society to hear inquiries from those unable to pay for legal advice. This committee will meet regularly in the law courts where consultations will take place without fee payments.

After hearing the cases and making necessary inquiries, the committee will make recommendations to a certificate-issuing committee and a general chairman for final decision. The general chairman is John Kelly and the certificate-issuing committee includes R. M. MacInnes, E. G. Phipps Baker and W. P. Fillmore.

No Criminal Cases

If the certificate-issuing committee considers the cases within their jurisdiction and they point to a possible successful verdict, their recommendation is passed on to the general chairman who supervises the operations of the agency.

Mr. MacInnes said the Law Society would stress the duty of every practising lawyer in giving his services free. Cases outside the scope of the service would include slander, libel, small debts, cases against the debt adjustment board or any other such boards, and appeals to the Court of Appeal, unless the committee decided there had been a miscarriage of justice and considered an appeal justified.

The agency will not touch criminal cases as the government supplied a lawyer when the plaintiff or accused was without means.

Await New Japanese Moves

LONDON.—With the sessions of the Japanese Imperial Conference, the Far-East situation is believed here to be entering a new and more dangerous phase. It is recognized that Japanese strategy continues to be directed against the Western powers, the decision of the Tokio Conference regarding the actual war in China being relatively meaningless.

It is learned that British Cabinet Ministers have been notified to hold themselves in readiness for an emergency session if Tokio developments follow the expected course and Japan formally declares war on China.

Transportation Increases In Northwest Territories

Ottawa Reports Important Additions Made to Facilities up North During 1937—Land and Water Traffic at New High.

Transportation activity in the Northwest Territories reached a new high in 1937 when the four principal transportation companies, using steam and diesel-powered boats, carried 23,000 tons of freight from and to Waterways, Alta., at the end of steel, the Federal Department of Mines and Resources reported last week.

In addition, two main airway companies handled 600 tons of freight and supplies and due to increased mining activity the transportation companies are looking forward to an even heavier movement in 1938.

New Boats Launched

The report stated that an important addition to transportation facilities of the northwest during the past year was launching of the diesel-powered steel boats, Radium Queen and Radium King, on the Mackenzie River route. The tugs were built at Sorel, Que., and moved to the north in sections by rail.

Another noteworthy development, the report said, was construction of an eight-and-a-half mile pipeline with storage tanks to overcome navigation difficulties at St. Charles Rapids on Great Bear River. This is believed to be the world's farthest north pipe-line.

A fleet of tanker barges was constructed at Fort Smith to aid movement of oil between wells 50 miles below Fort Norman and the consuming points. Oil during summer months now moves on a regular schedule in the northwest.

Tractor Road Built

The report said that completion of a winter tractor road from Yellow-Knife Bay to the Gordon Lake area speeded up movement of heavy freight. Brought to Yellowknife Bay during the water navigation season, freight and supplies are re-shipped 75 miles by tractor at much cheaper rates than the former method of aerial transportation.

The airline continued to play an important role in northern development, the report said, with the number of planes in service in the northwest last year varying from 16 to 20 operating from Edmonton, Prince Albert and Fort McMurray. Indications are that this number will increase this year.

Canada Imports More U.S. Coal

2,000,000 Tons For Year Is Expectation Voiced by Anthracite Institute

Exports of Pennsylvania anthracite to Canada in 1937 may exceed 2,000,000 tons for the first time since 1931, the Anthracite Institute said this week.

During November, 1937, the export total was 232,517 net tons, according to Dominion Bureau of Statistics figures, the highest tonnage for any month since February, 1931. The total for the first 11 months of 1937 was 1,825,199 tons, and compilation of December figures was expected to push the tonnage above 2,000,000.

A year ago Pennsylvania supplied Canada with 47.5 per cent. of its anthracite, but the percentage now has increased to 55.2, the Institute said. The United Kingdom's anthracite shipments to the Dominion have dropped 12 per cent.

Hitler to Visit Duce In Spring

Committee Starts Work on Plans For Colorful Reception

Plans to welcome Chancellor Hitler of Germany with fanfare rivalling the greeting of Premier Mussolini in Germany last September, were discussed this week by an Italian Government reception committee.

Hitler will visit Italy next spring, returning Mussolini's trip through Germany. The exact date has not been fixed but he is expected to arrive in Rome on May 9, second anniversary of the proclamation of the Italian Empire.

The committee sought to arrange for Hitler the most spectacular entrance possible into Rome. Newspapers already have urged that he leave his train outside the city and ride ceremoniously past the Coliseum, the Arch of Constantine, the Basilica of Masenzio, the Roman Forum and other vestiges of the glory of Ancient Rome.

News In Review

New Jap Conscription Law

TOKIO.—The Japanese War Office has called for a new conscription law to mobilize additional man power for the war in China, while Emperor Hirochito presides over an Imperial conference on the conflict.

The Ministry of War announced that the conscription bill to be submitted to Parliament would swell the ranks of the armies by restoring the old 24-month term of service instead of the present term of 18 months. The former term was in effect until 1927, when the conscription law was revised.

Unemployment Insurance Proceeds

OTTAWA.—Although faced by an opposition blockade of three Provincial Governments, the Federal Administration will proceed with plans to provide for an unemployment insurance measure, Prime Minister Mackenzie King intimated last week following a meeting of his Cabinet.

Younger Men Appointed

LONDON.—Further high army appointments were announced last week end as additional proof the policy initiated by Leslie Hore-Belisha, Secretary for War, of bringing youth and ability to the fore, is being aggressively pursued.

The new appointments are a direct consequence of the sweeping shake-up of the Army Council, Dec. 2, when the Minister passed over fifty senior Generals to make Maj.-Gen. Viscount Gort Chief of the Imperial General Staff, and, by wholesale retirements, reduced the average of the Council from 63 to 52.

Supreme Soviet Foregathers

MOSCOW. — Newly-elected Soviet deputies gathered in colorful array in Moscow this week ready for the first session of the Supreme Soviet. Many of the deputies, coming from distant regions, had to start their journey in sleds drawn by reindeer or dogs. In some cases it took 15 days to reach a railway. Several had never seen a train before.

Pope Warns Hitler

BERLIN.—A dramatic warning by the envoy of Pope Pius to Chancellor Hitler that mankind calls for peace, and a reply in which Hitler pledged himself "honorably and confidently" to co-operate with all nations marked a New Year reception to the diplomatic corps this week when brilliantly uniformed foreign envoys and a little group of high Nazi Government officials were grouped in the Fuehrer's Chancellory in the historic Wilhelmstrasse.

Tide Has Turned

MADRID.—President Manuel Azana declared in a decree this week the victory of Government forces over Spanish insurgent troops at the provincial capital of Teruel, 160 miles east of Madrid, changed the face of the Spanish war.

Ozana awarded the Laureate Insignia of Madrid to General Vicente Rojo, Chief of Staff of the Government's central army and commander of the Teruel offensive.

Rioting In Austria

VIENNA.—Disorder raged throughout Austria this week-end as Monarchists and Nazis clashed with clubs, stones and stink-bombs at sixty mass meetings, called to open a campaign to restore the 25-year-old Archduke Otto to the Hapsburg Throne.

The worst disorders occurred in Vienna, where eleven meetings were held in tribute to the handsome and exiled youth, who is hailed as "Austria's savior."

Fifty anti-Monarchists were arrested in Vienna and at least 200 in other parts of Austria. Numerous suspects were released after they were taken into custody for investigation.

Refuse to Recognize Him

WASHINGTON. — The United States' refusal to recognize King Victor Emmanuel of Italy as Emperor of Ethiopia has resulted in suspension of the Italo-American negotiations for a commercial treaty.

Informed sources said Mussolini required the new treaty to be made in the name of Victor Emmanuel as King of Italy and Emperor of Ethiopia and that State Secretary Hull refused.

Arrested On Fraud Charge

CHATHAM.—Bail was set at $5,000 each last week-end for two London, Ont., men who allegedly obtained $300 from a Raleigh township resident by claiming they were members of a syndicate which had sold a patented chemical formula to Lawrence Du Pont for $4,000,000. The two are Samuel Willis, 69, and Thomas Agnew, 57.

They Threw a "Madman" to the Sharks

Robert Horne, left, and George Spernak, the sailors who admitted throwing "Mad Jack" Morgan to the sharks, wait to tell their weird story to the court, in Los Angeles.

News Parade

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

UNCONQUERABLE? — An interesting article by Frank Illingworth in an English magazine discusses the exceedingly timely topic, "Can China Ever Be Conquered?" Drawing lessons from Chinese history, the writer comes to the conclusion that the Japanese will detach more and more of China; that the Chinese will fight desperately, and probably lose.

But as soon as the conqueror settles down, the Chinese will go back to his fields, back to his books of wisdom, back to the cities and villages where life has not altered one bit for centuries. "And the Japs? They'll become Chinese!"

China has already been conquered successively in the past two thousand years by the Tartars, the Kitans, the Juchens, by Jenghiz Khan and his Mongol hordes, by the Manchus. But all these invaders have settled down and been absorbed amongst the Chinese.

Two thousand years of history have by now accustomed China to the thought that any conquest of her 400,000,000 people can only be a temporary affair.

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WE'RE ALL CRAZY: Scientists and psychologists are telling us now, and apparently no one is daring to say them nay, that insanity or a tendency towards it exists in a large number of people who look to be perfectly normal. Two specialists speaking before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, went so far as to declare that a great many supposedly normals should trade places with insane patients in mental hospitals.

They based their remarks on tests made of forty-three patients in an Ohio mental hospital and of another group of forty-three college students.

Which shows you never can tell. As the old saying goes, "All the world's a little queer but thee and me, and sometimes I think thee's a little queer".

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THINK OF THE CHILDREN: If loving parents bent on giving their firstborn a beautiful name would pause a moment and reflect on how that name is going to sound to the bearer of it twenty years hence, there would be far fewer foolish monickers disguised under variegated initials in the world today, and the number of sheepish, henpecked-looking individuals slinking about their daily rounds would be considerably less. Think of the effect the precious name is going to have on your sensistive child before you make the decision irrevocable! Best rule to follow: steer away from the exotic; stick to common sense.

It takes all a man has, to rise above a name like "Cyril" or "Elmer".

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HEAVIER POLICING: Motorists of Ontario were given a chance to behave themselves on the roads at Christmas time, and look what a mess they made of it—the blackest holiday toll ever! A wave of protest has swept the country and indignant letters have been appearing in the press. Now the Attorney-General of Ontario is doing something about the situation, ordering an immediate and substantial increase of the motorcycle patrol force of the Provincial Police, instructing them how to prevent violations of the traffic laws.

We motorists have failed to act like adult human beings on the streets and highways of Ontario. If for a change we are treated like the children we evidently are, better road behavior may result.

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BALANCE OF POWER: When Italian Fascism in the person of Mussolini's son-in-law, Count Ciano, crossed into Hungary last week on a diplomatic mission, it met with a sharp disappointment. Hungary and Austria refused to say "yes" to the Italian suggestion that they quit the League of Nations and recognize the regime of Franco in Spain. Neither would they join the anti-Communism pact recently signed by Germany, Italy and Japan.

The democratic powers had reason to breathe easier following this rebuff.

Nevertheless the new Rumanian set-up with Octavian Goga as virtual dictator under King Carol's wing is viewed as threatening to reverse the balance of power in south-eastern Europe, and the democratic governments tremble. Reason why: Rumania, as ally up to now of Czechoslovakia, has been helping to block Hitler's proposed march east through Czechoslovakia to seize the oil and grain fields of the Ukraine.

It is our fervent hope that Rumania will continue with her former allies in spite of governmental changes and not line up with the Fascist powers.

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BIRTH RATE FALLS: In the first half of 1937, births decreased in the Dominion of Canada, 0.7 per thousand. At the same time deaths increased 0.6, the figures raised by a higher disease toll and a larger number of automobile fatalities.

Looks as if the population of this fair country may shrink to nothing before we know what it's all about.

Flying Classrooms

Four Big Planes Will Carry Six to Eight Student Flyers And Instructors In the R. C. A. F.

"Flying classrooms" will lighten the tedium of learning for Royal Canadian Air Force student fliers. Construction of four big planes will be started soon in a Montreal aircraft factory at a cost of nearly $100,000.

Each of the four sturdy Noorduyn "Norsemen" will have accommodation for six to eight instructors and students and will be used to teach embryo fliers such sciences as bombing, map reading, navigation, sketching, radio communication and "spotting" for artillery.

Supplement Ground Teaching

The aerial classes will supplement the usual theoretical teaching of ground school. Under actual flight conditions, Canada's young airmen will learn the science of aerial warfare under the first-hand guidance of experienced instructors.

The big Canadian-designed transport planes will have attachments for bomb sights, ground-to-plane radio, removable ports and mounts for aerial cameras, and gun mounts.

Monoplane Transports Used

To aid teaching navigation, especially under adverse weather conditions, latest navigation instruments will be installed.

The "classroom planes" will be built by Noorduyn Aircraft, Ltd., at suburban Cartierville, Quebec. They will be monoplane transports of metal construction and powdered with a Wasp engine of 525 horsepower, giving them a high speed of nearly 170 miles an hour.

In keeping with Canadian flying conditions, the new planes will be adaptable to skis for Winter flying and to either wheels or seaplane floats in the Summer.

"There can be no real prosperity in state or nation for either the industrial city or the agricultural country without the other being prosperous." — Herbert H. Lehman.

A year ago a discarded cutting from a pineapple plant was thrown on a rubbish heap at Torquay. It is now bearing fruit and growing rapidly. So, although it refused to thrive when pampered with care and attention, it manages to enjoy life when left to its own devices on the rubbish heap.