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### COSTLY PROPAGANDA

It is estimated that the Nazi Government spends one hundred million dollars annually for propaganda at home and abroad.—Brantford Expositor.

### COMPULSORY HEADWORK

The suggestion was made at Ottawa that Canada adopt a compulsory voting scheme similar to that used by Australia. There would be much to commend the proposal if provision could be made for compulsory thinking on the part of the electorate as well.—London Free Press.

### SOMETHING TO DO WITH IT

Employees over 40 are found happier on their jobs than those under 40, some great United States intelligence has discovered. Of course, it doesn't mean anything to him that those over 40 have survived a war, a couple of depressions and are still at work, does it?—Hamilton Spectator.

### $60,000,000 APIECE

With Britain and the United States both engaged in rearmament programs, one of the features of naval construction is the return of the battleship. For a time it was argued that the advent of the airplane and the development of the submarine had made battleships too vulnerable and that they were a thing of the past. But the battleship is back—at a cost of $60,000,000 apiece.—Sault Daily Star.

### BROADENING THEM OUT

As we have remarked on other occasions, we should like to see our public men, members of the Commons and Senate and the Legislatures, do more travelling. Many of them, unfortunately, seldom stir from their own districts and are therefore unfamiliar with the atmosphere of other areas. We believe it should be part of their duty to thoroughly familiarize themselves with all sections and thus be in a better position to intelligently consider national and inter-provincial problems, and, in the long run, to promote that cause for which every good citizen should be striving—national unity.—Windsor Star.

### NEWSPAPERS WIDELY READ

Statistics reveal that there are 2,252,729 households in Canada. The circulation of newspapers all told in Canada is 2,246,361. So one isn't far out in saying that practically every home subscribes to a newspaper.

Over the same geographic area there are 1,059,101 radios. All of which goes to show that more than half the homes do not hear broadcasts.

There are 418,990 radios in Ontario homes and 274,312 in Quebec.

The fact that practically everyone reads the newspapers puts them at the head of the list of the various publicity media. That is why shrewd advertisers favor the newspapers to get their message across to the greatest number of people.—Kitchener Record.

### HIGH COST OF CRIME

A statement issued from a Government department at Ottawa shows that the average cost of a prisoner in the penal establishments of the country is over $2 a day, or in round figures about $750 a year. The $2 covers foods, clothing, heating, buildings, salaries of wardens and guards and other maintenance costs.

Many a young man and woman living an honest life and doing a good day's work has to exist on less than $14 a week. There are thousands of prisoners in the state institutions, so that the cost of crime to the country is a very serious matter indeed. On top of that there are provincial farms and reformatories, and a police force in every town and city. The public has a deep interest in keeping down crime, and every preventive method should be tried.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

## Mule Carts Banned Under Rio Ruling

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil.— Rio de Janeiro is likely to become a horseless and muleless city if a new municipal ruling is obeyed.

The horse and buggy was pushed out by the automobile, leaving only the mule and cart, used primarily for the hauling of coffee from the warehouse to the steamer.

This conveyance, under the new ruling, no longer will be allowed in the central section of the city starting next month. Moreover, the regulation prohibits stables within the city.

## THE EMPIRE

### WHAT PRICE NEWS?

Think of the price of news. Two journalists are blown to bits at Teruel by a shell hitting their car, and, in the last few months, two journalists have been killed, six wounded, getting the news for you in China. Do not forget, as you read your newspapers, that all over the world newspaper men are taking chances to fill these columns for you.—Sunday Express, London.

### POOR LITTLE TURKS!

The schoolgirls of Turkey are in for a dull time if the Association of Head Masters and Head Mistresses has its way. According to its recommendations no girl may go to the cinema except with an adult relative; she may not talk to any young man in the street except her brother, and if any swain attempts to talk to her the affront should be reported to parents or the head master forthwith. One might be tempted to think that Pasha Grundy or his wife had combed the Statutes of Oxford University for their list of prohibitions. In Oxford still, no doubt, the proctors ask politely to be introduced to any damsel with whom an undergraduate is seen in public converse. All this, of course, is done to protect the male from the predations of the intriguing sex, and it would be little wonder if Turks, with their queer inversions, had simply reversed the rules in a mistaken effort to shield scheming girls from innocent men. — Cape Argus.

## Says City Dangers Worse Than Jungle

**"Bring 'Em Back Dead" Specimen Collector Describes Being Bitten By Vampire Bat.**

A scientific specimen collector who "brings 'em back dead" recounted a tale of modern adventure on a 13 months' safari into the South American jungles. Emmett R. Blake, assistant curator of birds for Chicago's Field museum, with a grin minimized the dangers to life and limb as he faced and declared the jungle from which he has just returned was less perilous than big city traffic. But he told how a jaguar trailed him, he caught malaria and a blood-draining vampire bat bit him.

"The jaguar was just a curious fellow," he said. "I've made six expeditions in seven years and this was my first touch of malaria, not a serious case.

**Bitten While Asleep**

"The vampire bat bit my toe while I was sleeping. I awoke a gory sight but didn't really lose enough blood to endanger my life."

With 10 natives, Blake travelled 16,000 miles and brought back 3,099 specimens, including 1,600 birds, reptiles, fish and mammals. The principal purpose of the expedition, he said, was to obtain specimens and background for three "permanent habitat" exhibits of uncommon birds at the museum.

He brought back specimens of the Hoactzin bird, dubbed by scientists "Stinking Hanna," the only known bird showing remnants of reptilian ancestry in the form of finger-like appendages on the wings of the young.

On the lighter side, Blake said he frequently joined the natives in a repast of monkey stew, and liked it.

Because other countries would not reciprocate, Belgium has ruled that buses entering the country with foreign tourists must pay an entrance tax.

# Says Betterment of Race Is Important For Canada

**Improvement of Stock Necessary to Offset Trend Towards Poor Quality, Claims Principal of Queen's University—Awakening Is Urged.**

Public consciousness must be awakened to the need of development of an improved stock, Dr. R. C. Wallace, Principal of Queen's University, emphasized in an address before the Community Health Association of Greater Toronto in the Academy of Medicine.

"Sometimes, we worry about the propaganda spread in other countries for the purpose of training the young people to provide a strong race. The motive is not always the best, but I am not sure but something of the same consciousness is needed here," commented the speaker.

**College Graduates' Few Children**

"Recently, a survey was made of the women graduates of a United States' college. The average number of children of each woman graduate was .8 and in case of the married graduates just slightly over one. That meant that many of the women graduates had not married. The average number of foreign-born in Toronto is four and five. Now, we are not snobs. But it is the case, statistically proven, that the sons and daughters of professional men and women have done much better on the average than the children of parents less well equipped.

"Here's a problem that is not easy to deal with unless by developing a civic consciousness. We are breeding away from one type of stock into another," said the Principal, adding that he was not sure but that this problem of improving the race was the most profoundly important. "At lease we should see to it that as far as possible there is a leavening of the race," he continued.

**"Leavening of the Race"**

Man had no hesitation in attempting to produce the best stock possible when it was a matter of cattle, dogs and sheep, but when he himself was involved, he was loath to do anything about it. Of course, said Dr. Wallace, man was primarily a spiritual and mental animal, and there was as yet little known scientifically about his spiritual and mental development, so the problem was greatly complicated. But, he urged, "the thoughts of all of us should be turned in the direction of producing the best race that it is possible to meet the problems that are to be faced."

## Skin From Body Makes New Heel

**Girl Is Able to Walk Again After Six Years of Surgical Treatment**

Napoleon's famous remark that an army marches on its stomach has a very real meaning to 18-year-old Elizeth Garrie, of Windsor, who walks today on what was once a part of her abdomen, says the Windsor Star.

To explain this seeming riddle, Miss Garrie has successfully come through lengthy and involved surgical treatment that has provided her with a new heel, fashioned of skin and flesh grafted from her torso.

**No Ordinary Tissue Graft**

But this was no ordinary skin graft, not just removal of skin and fat from one spot to be attached to another part that needed it. The process took more than a year because during the entire operation the skin to be grafted was never separated from her body.

Now, after being an invalid for six years, she can walk again and take up the normal life that was so painfully interrupted in 1931 when a truck ran over her left heel, ripping away the skin.

The heel was bared almost to the bone, as far forward as the middle of the foot. The indicated treatment was a skin graft, and one was applied shortly after the accident. But it would not stand her weight, failed to heal properly and ulcerated when Miss Garrie walked.

**Transfer of Skin**

In this condition two years ago she consulted a prominent Windsor orthopedic surgeon, who prefers to remain anonymous. He decided that the only course of treatment was a transfer of skin and its underlying fat from abdomen to heel. That was necessary because of the large area of the scar.

First step was to fashion a tube of the desired amount of abdominal skin and flesh. When it had healed, still attached to the body, the transferring process began. The upper end of the tube was detached and sutured, or stitched, to a new site on the left leg.

## News In Review

### New Economic Dictator

BERLIN.—Adolf Hitler this week established one of his closest advisers, Propaganda Chief Walter Funk, as Economic Dictator to work with Field Marshal Hermann Wilhelm Goering in regimenting German industry.

Goering, who temporarily took over the Economics Ministry last Nov. 26 when Der Fuehrer accepted the resignation of Acting Minister Hjalmar Schacht, handed over the office to Funk, but it was evident that Goering would continue to play a major role in building up a military dictatorship to dominate economics and industry.

### Dies In Greece

ATHENS.—Prince Nicholas, father of the Duchess of Kent and third son of King George I of Greece, died last week content his long exile had ended. He was 66.

His last words were: "I am happy to die in my beloved country."

### Argument Over Padlock Law

OTTAWA.—A suggestion made by Opposition Leader Bennett that the Government hear legal arguments before reaching any decision on disallowance of Quebec's padlock law, was promised consideration in the House of Commons this week by Justice Minister Lapointe.

So far as he was aware, Mr. Lapointe said, it had not been the custom to hear such argument, but he would "look into the matter".

### No Labor Legislation Yet

TORONTO.—Efforts of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada to have the Hepburn Government sponsor legislation that would protect workers in organizing into trade unions and bargaining collectively are unlikely to meet with any more success this year than they did a year ago, it was reported last week.

### Women's Skating Crown

STOCKHOLM.—Megan Taylor, of England won the world women's figure skating championship, edging out her favored countrywoman, Cecilia Colledge, before a crowd of nearly 20,000.

Biss Taylor scored 1997.6 points to 1990.7 for her rival.

Hedy Stenuf, Austrian born star now living in the United States, was third, trailed by Gladys Jagger of England and Lyda Veicht.

### Capone Loses Mind

SAN FRANCISCO. — Scarface Al Capone, the swarthy pudgy No. 1 gangster and racketeer of the prohibition era, has lost his mind under the stern discipline and monotony of imprisonment on Alcatraz Island.

Capone, who once ruled the Chicago rackets so completely that he was virtually immune to arrest, today spends his time making and remaking his bed.

### To Visit France

LONDON.—The King and Queen will visit France for four days this summer, marking the first State visit by their Majesties to a foreign country since their accession.

## King George Flew Here To Inspect R.A.F. Cadets

King George VI inspects the cadets of the Royal Air Force, at Cranwell, Eng., after having flown from his residence at Sandringham, the second flight of his reign.

# News Parade

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

NOT FOR CHILDREN: In New York the critics raved about "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs", hailing this first feature-length animated cartoon as the movie of a decade. Aha! we all thought, the perfect picture for children at last! But no, over in Britain it was given a certificate declaring it suitable "for adults only." Reason for the action: some of the scenes might frighten children.

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BRITAIN BLAMED: A Japanese naval spokesman declared last week that the British and United States by their heavy rearmament programs "incite other countries to take up the naval-building race."

There may be something in that too if we examine the problem more closely. When the "have" nations seem to find it necessary to build tremendous battleships, what does one expect the "have-nots" to do?

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NEXT BATTLEFRONT: A world war is raging right now between democracy and fascism, in Spain, and in China. At any moment the conflict may spread to involve each of us directly. (We are involved indirectly already.)

International experts predict that the conflagration will flare up next in democratic Czechoslovakia which country Adolf Hitler aims to march through on his push east to capture the grainfields of the Ukraine.

With the purge last week in Germany of all the moderates and conservatives and pro-British from the Government and the Army, an important check to Hitler's plan for an early coup in the east has been removed.

Watch Czechoslovakia. Something's going to happen.

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NO ROYAL VISIT: Hopes raised by the rumor that the King and Queen might visit Canada this year were dashed by the declaration in London this week that there was no foundation to the report.

It is a precedent that the King first honor India after his Coronation. Only if the Indian visit were postponed might Their Majesties come to Canada.

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BROADCAST RUMPUS: The proposed $1.00 increase in Canadian radio license fees started it. The rumpus raised over that suggestion cut the proposed increase to 50c, but once begun, the attacks on the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation continued, and are continuing.

Basis of the general denunciation of the Corporation's doings: We are paying good money for programs that our American cousins get for nothing; the Corporation, pledged to preserve the radio as a national agency for the benefit of Canadians, has sold its facilities wholesale to American advertisers; programs originating in Canada have not improved, canned music is still used to a great extent.

An approach to the ideal British system is what we all thought we were going to get.

Now everybody's up in arms. It will take a while to calm the country down again.

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ITALIAN PROPAGANDA: The world is just waking up to the fact that for the past few years Mussolini has been spending millions of lire in flooding Europe, Africa, the Near East and South America with intensive Italian propaganda, for the most part anti-British. It is now pretty generally believed that the troubles Britain is experiencing in Palestine are a direct result of this propagandizing; and that the new Fascist set-up in Egypt (after King Farouk dismissed his pro-British minister) is directly traceable to the hand of Mussolini.

Latest spectacular touch of Italian propaganda was the magnificent flight of three Italian military planes (led by Mussolini's son, Bruno) all the way from Italy to South America. Writing in the New York Times, Mr. John W. White calls it the most recent chapter in "an intensive campaign of intelligent, well-managed propaganda—political, cultural and commercial propaganda which is succeeding in all three phases" in South America.

Other features of the same South American campaign: daily broadcasts from Rome; visits of prominent Italian lecturers; invitations to South American Fascist sympathizers to visit Rome at the expense of the Italian Government; maintenance of close cultural ties with Italian colonies in the South American republics; Italians own the largest and most influential bank in Peru, train the Peruvian Army fliers to pilot Italian-made fighting planes; new trade treaties with Argentina.

"The result is," declares Mr. White, "that all South Americans are more conscious of Italy today than of any other country, excepting their own."

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SPRING IS COMING: "The dreariest month of the year, love, is shortest and nearest the spring," sang the poet. And aren't we glad!

February is half over. Winter will soon be done. Time for crocuses and things before we know it.

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SETTLING DOWN: The Duke and Duchess of Windsor have apparently given up all thoughts of visiting the United States, for the time being, and are settling down in a chateau near Versailles, France, which they have leased. Reports run that they have also purchased a home in the Bahamas.

In any case they are attempting to establish a private life of their own, are tired of living in the goldfish bowl of publicity.

## New Kind of Corn

In the hope of producing a new type of wheat hardy enough to resist the severe northern winters, scientists at a Swedish biological institute have succeeded in crossing wheat with rye.

The new grain is suitable for northern areas as it takes much less out o the soil than ordinary wheat, and it ripens earlier in the year.

Another experiment, at the same institute, is crossing wheat with couch grass, to produce a plant that would not only yield a normal crop of grain but would also bind the soil together.

### Religious Persecution

NEW YORK.—Religious freedom, involving the future of Christianity itself in Germany, has been placed on secret trial in Berlin.

That was the real meaning of the Nazi Government's prosecution of Rev. Martin Niemoeller, Lutheran pastor who has led the Protestant revolt against attempted regimentation of the Church, and a tendency to supplant Christianity with Neo-Paganism.

The battle of Gettysburg was an accident in that neither army expected to fight there and neither had any desire to do so.