News Parade

Commentary on the
Highlights of the Week's News . . . By Elizabeth Eedy

UNEXPLORED MARKET: Believing Canada to be a land rich with possibilities beyond dreaming as a market for his wares, a gas-mask salesman has arrived here from the British Isles. Delirious with delight, we imagine he is, at the opportunity of working in a field so fertile, hitherto unexplored. 11,000,000 potential customers . . . . oh boy!

"There is a growing feeling among a lot of people that they'd like to own a good gas mask, and that is why we are selling them," he declared on disembarking at Montreal.

You don't think his sales campaign will go over big? Wait a while and see. Gas-mask manufacturers, you know, have ways of creating a demand for their goods.

HUNGARY'S POSITION: Hungary's new "strong man" premier, Bela Imredi, has announced that Hungary is drawing closer to the Rome-Berlin axis of Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini. "Our relations with Germany," he says, "are growing more intimate."

Bordered on the west of Austria, on the north by Czechoslovakia, Hungary is in a strategic position, indeed. If the country were to fall in with Hitler's plans, go completely Nazi and become part of Greater Germany, Czechoslovakia would be still further islanded in the middle of Europe.

Inside Hungary's Fascist Government there is an active element demanding return of territory lost in the post-war treaties. Should Germany agree to satisfy that demand, Hungary would be deaf forever to any pleas the democracies might advance.

STAY AT HOME, YOUNG MAN: In the old days when Canada's prairie country was a land of promise, "Go west, young man" was the cry. And west he went, in a covered wagon, or a "harvesters' excursion" train. And success was his, till the drought years came.

The mining boom in Northern Ontario following the War sent hundreds of young men north in search of gold, or work. Many of them found both. But today, although the mines are going ahead full blast, the number of men they can employ is necessarily limited; their choice of employees is governed by a need for trained, efficient workers.

It is a mistake then for young men from Southern Ontario to flock north in search of jobs in the mines when there is so little employment available, in particular for untrained workers. The hundreds of unemployed lining the streets of Timmins and Kirkland Lake are testimony enough to the futility of a young chap going up there without a definite job in view.

Under the Dominion-Provincial youth training scheme, a number of young men are being specially fitted for work in the mines, who doubtless will be absorbed by the industry as seasonal fluctuation in employment occurs. But to other young men thinking of going north, we would say "better stay home".

JAPAN AND THE OLYMPICS: The official plans of the Japanese Government concerning the Olympic Games (XIIth Olympiad) scheduled to be held in Tokyo in 1940 are revealed by the Minister of Welfare:

"China has taken the attitude of prolonging hostilities toward Japan, but we are putting forth every effort to end this current conflict. There are still two years left before the opening of the XIIth Olympic Games and we believe that by that time the conflict will be ended. With this fact in mind we are preparing for the XIIth Olympic Games in order to assure a successful celebration in 1940, which coincides with the 2600th anniversary of the Japanese nation. It is a wonderful opportunity to reveal the true aspect of our nation to the youth of the world and it is altogether proper that ample support should be given for the preparation of the XIIth Olympic Games Tokyo, 1940."

BLAME THE OTHER FELLOW: The Rome correspondent of the New York Times in a despatch dated May 18 said of Mussolini's part in the Spanish war: "Engaged as he is to the British, the Duce cannot openly begin sending reinforcements and more materials to Franco unless he can get sympathy on his side by accusing the French of sending more help to the Loyalists than he is to Franco."

Two days later, Mussolini began those very accusations predicted in the despatch. Of the same color now are his claims that loyalist, not insurgent, planes made bombing expeditions over France last week.

The machinery of propaganda appears to be working effectively.

Mahatma Ghandi Rises to New Power In India

Mohandas K. Ghandi, India's spokesman for the masses, is shown (X) leading a group of his disciples along a road of a frontier province. The little Hindu mystic is reported to have made peace with the British and hurdled the last barrier of internal dissension through an agreement between Hindu and Mohammedan communities. He is said now to hold almost dictatorial powers in India and is in remarkably good health.

Alberta's Oil Output Rises

1,757,756-Barrel Yield in Four Months Sets All-Time Record

CALGARY. — Alberta oil production for the first four months of 1938 hit a new high, it was reported in an official government statement issued here.

For the four months production totalled 1,757,756 barrels, almost three times as much as was produced during the corresponding period of 1937 and six times as much as the yield in the corresponding period of 1936. Approximately 99 per cent. of the production came from the Turner Valley field, 45 miles southwest of Calgary. Most of it was from the crude oil wells in the south end of the field.

Only 42 Percent. of Capacity

Despite a proration schedule holding down production to 42 per cent. of capacity, the yield of Alberta wells has been maintained at more than 400,000 barrels a month since the first of 1938.

In April production was 447,241 barrels compared with 172,130 barrels in April, 1937, and 76,615 barrels in April 1936. Of the April production 443,183 barrels came from Turner Valley.

Will Unveil Memorial To Australians

Who Died in the Great War—King George In Sombre Ceremony at Villers-Bretonneaux July 1

The gay welcome which Paris promises for King George and Queen Elizabeth when they pay their first State visit at the end of June will be in contrast to the sombre ceremony at Villers-Bretonneaux when His Majesty unveils the Australian war memorial July 1.

It is just two years since King Edward VIII took part in a similar ceremony, unveiling the Canadian Memorial at Vimy Ridge.

11,000 Killed There

The King, who will have previously witnessed the unveiling of a war memorial at Boulogne, will be visiting the place where more than 11,000 Australians were killed during the Somme campaign 22 years ago.

At the new village risen from the ruins of the war, the King will pass through a guard of honor composed of Australian war veterans to the simply designed memorial.

Pressed back to Villers-Bretonneaux with the Fifth Army, the Australians made a fierce bayonet charge which some historians declare saved Amiens. Later they attacked with tanks under cover of a smoke screen and carried important hill positions sweeping along so swiftly they fell on the German artillery and reserves, inflicting heavy casualties.

It was a crushing blow and General Ludendorff wrote years after: "I gave up the last vestige of hope."

The memorial commemorates the "missing" among the Australians in this and other fighting in the neighborhood.

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Technique of Borrowing

A bank is a place where you can borrow money if you can prove you don't need it.—Brandon Sun.

Easy to Guess the Ending

When you see the heading, "Tried to change in a boat," all that is necessary is to look at the bottom of the paragraph to see if the bodies have been recovered.—Guelph Mercury.

Leave Snakes Alone

Garter snakes are probably the most common species in Ontario, and are even found within the city. There is a disposition to kill them but they serve some good purpose and experienced gardeners leave them alone.—St. Catharines Standard).

Let's Have British Tourists

Let's all boost for the British tourists. There are hundreds of thousands of people in Britain who like to get off the tight little isle to spend their holidays and have the necessary money to do so. They go practically all over the world, and there is no reason why more of them should not come to Canada. We would like to have them.

Archaic Electoral System

Saskatchewan, now in the throes of a general election campaign, is perhaps the world's "horrible example" of the results of an archaic electoral system. At the general election of 1934 the Liberals polled 206,191 votes, the Conservatives 114,973, and Farmer-Labour 103,582. The Liberals elected 50 members, Farmer-Labour the balance of five in a House of 55—and the Conservatives no members at all. And if ever there was an argument for some sort of proportional representation, it is to be found in those amazing lopsided results. With considerably less than half the popular vote, the Liberal party elected 50 members in a House of 55. — Halifax Herald.

Our Signature Dishonored

Canada's signature stands upon the Covenant of the League of Nations. Mr. King in effect declares that that signature is now dishonored. If he replies that, in the present state of the world, no other course is practicable, he might with usefulness study the present position of the Dominion of New Zealand which has had the courage to stick to its pledged word and has refused to play the conscienceless game into which Mr. King and his Government have fallen. Mr. King points out that each Dominion stands upon its own feet. True. But let him consider what might have been the course of world affairs since 1935 at least had Canada had courage similar to that displayed by New Zealand. Had two of the Dominions together taken the stand which one of them did, it is not fanciful to imagine that the course of British foreign policy might have been very different.—Winnipeg Free Press.

The EMPIRE

Much To Be Thankful For

There are other things which make the British system of life worth any sacrifice. This week the principle of holidays with pay has been granted to every worker in the country. And the House of Commons has passed a Bill forbidding a man to leave his wife and family unsupported if he has anything to leave them. When you feel inclined to praise foreign systems of government, compare your own. We have much that needs improving. Even so, we are a long way ahead of any other country in the world. — London Sunday Chronicle.

Dangerous Race Prejudice

The outcry against Jews as Jews is one of those things which flare up among the unthinking, and add fresh fuel to racial strife in a world already sadly torn by racial antagonisms. Emotions of hatred, contempt, and suspicion poured out against any race, class, or nation are a direct generating cause of wars and, in their local manifestations, of civil commotions. Pogroms against Jews and campaigns of extermination directed by a powerful nation against a weaker can be traced to the same fundamentally wrong attitudes. World opinion is only a congiomerate of the thoughts of the plain citizens in each community; and Trinidad has a contribution to make, not only to its own self-respect, but to world order, by keeping away from racial prejudies in the discussion of the pressing problem of immigration. —The Guardian (Trinidad, B. W. I.)

Delinquent Boys' Own Salvation

Is Worked Out in B.C. Experiment—Try Honor System in Fight Against Crime Waves

A few months ago it was a sagging old mansion, but now it is a trim place with a tidy garden where 25 youngsters are trying to get right with the law and themselves.

This is British Columbia's experiment in the honor system for young delinquents. Behind the scheme is the province's attorney-generals, Hon. Gordon Wismer.

The boys come from the provincial jail, also in the municipality of Burnaby adjoining Vancouver. At the beginning of 1938 they were installed under Supervisor Angus McLeod in the building the government bought for the purpose.

Four months later they had repaired the building expertly, and the gardens were neat and decorative. All that is lacking is a fence around the grounds. Visitors are welcome and not one inmate has tried to escape.

In preparation for eight hours work a day the youngsters have a morning service conducted in turn by each member of the "gang." It was suggested by themselves.

In the evenings there are special classes and some afternoons are given over to instruction in first aid, placer mining and other practical courses.

The object is to equip the youths to pick up life in a normal way when they leave the institution. Vancouver business men who have contributed money for games equipment will be asked to keep an eye on them later.

Keeping an eye on them now is McLeod, who began his work among young prisoners in the provincial jail. He finds that 95 per cent. of his charges were either orphans or came from homes that lacked the proper parental influence.

Says Canada Is An Envied Land

In Position of Danger, Claims Ven. Archdeacon Scott Because Other Countries Eye It Jealously.

Canada, the "most envied country in the world for countries needing expansion," is in a position of "great danger so far as the upset of the world is concerned," Ven. Archdeacon F. G. Scott, senior chaplain of the Canadian Expeditionary Force in the Great War, said at Windsor last week.

"A German book has been published saying Canada is a natural place for German expansion," Canon Scott told a Rotary Club dinner. "It has been suggested Canada needs immigration and this immigration be financed by Germany, that the immigrants would be Germans at all times intensely loyal to Berlin, and that it is not too soon for those to come to Canada."

Threat to Dominion's Peace

"The power that owns Anticosti Island is the power that is going to govern Canada," Canon Scott said. "It would make a large airplane base and other things could be carried on. It would enable countries to catapult planes out on Canada."

On the Pacific Coast the Japanese had bought up small islands in the name of Canadian companies. These constitute another threat to the peace and stability of Canada, he said.

Brain Puts Man Above the Beast

The Nearest Intelligence To That of Man is Possessed By Anthropoid Ape

The chief distinguishing feature between man and the lower animals is man's brain. It is the master organ which gives the human being power to think and to reason, to speak and to create. The brains of all animals, however, are not the same—as anyone who has had much experience with them knows. There is lots of difference between the brain of a fish worm and that of a dog or a horse. Indeed there are differences between the brains of various dogs and various horses exactly as there are differences between the brains of various men.

Hands That Grasp

The nearest brain to that of man is the brain of what are called the anthropoid apes — the monkeys that are like a man. These monkeys, including the chimpanzee, orang-utan, lemur and the gorilla, have hands that grasp and a brain structure much like that of man. There are some experts who insist that these monkeys have even limited powers of reasoning.

Intelligence tests made on the orang-utan show that it is slow but that it actually tries to get insight into every test situation. In fact, it has been urged that the brain of this monkey can attain the development necessary for the production of an idea.

The chimpanzees have attained great reputations as performers and as comedians.

Gorillas, too, make remarkable development. The one which is attracting attention in a circus this year was raised in a home as have been other gorillas in the past. The gorilla's brain is larger and weighs more than that of any other ape, and in many other ways is nearest to that of man.

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Lack of Minerals Is Disease Cause

Common Trouble With All Classes of Farm Animals

The lack of adequate minerals in the soil means that the crops grown thereon will also be low in these essentials; consequently animals whose food consists largely of home-grown products are prone to suffer from deficiency diseases such as rickets, stiff joints, bone malformations, anaemia, goitre, sterility and unthriftiness generally. Many an animal may appear quite normal and yet be below par, for by the time symptoms of mineral deficiency become plainly apparent the disease has reached an advanced stage.

Iron Prevents Anaemia

Calcium and phosphorus are required in notable amounts for bone-building, and the metabolism of fats and carbohydrates in the animal body depends on phosphorus. Chlorine goes to make hydrochloric acid in the gastric juices. Sulphur is an important constituent of the proteins of flesh and eggs. Iron prevents anaemia, a disease so prevalent in young pigs, and the purpose of the copper is to aid the assimilation of iron by the blood. Iodine is introduced as a preventive of goitre in calves and sheep, of hairlessness in young pigs, of joint-ill in foals and to improve the hair or coats of animals. It gives the brilliant, healthy gloss, so important on the pelts of fur-bearing stock, such as foxes and mink. Weakness in new-born animals can be avoided by giving the dam—sow, cow, ewe, mare or vixen, mineral contents in her feed, from the start of the gestation period.

Residents of Messina, South Africa, were shaken in their beds when hundreds of tons of rock from an excavation, worked by the ancients, fell into a mine three miles from the town, leaving a hole 200 feet long, 100 feet wide and nearly 80 feet deep.

Japan is now rationing gasoline to motorcyclists.

NAMES IN THE NEWS

GENERAL DOIHARA

In command of the Japanese forces attempting to break through to China's Hankow this week is Lieutenant-General Kenji Doihara, known perhaps better as the "Lawrence of Manchuria". One of the most famous figures of Japan's militant role in Manchuria and China, General Doihara has been super-spy, agent provocateur, military strategist in turn.

He is a man of mystery. For many years he worked "underground" as agent of the most militant sector of Japanese opinion and chief of the armed forces' secret service. He has been head of the Imperial Kwantung army's special service branch—a planning bureau for Japanese economic and military ventures into the interior of Asia—and has again and again brought pressure from the militarists to bear for settlement of the Sino-Jap issues.

A Charmed Head

Towards the end of May of this year, General Doihara's fourteenth division was subjected to furious Chinese counter-attacks from the direction of Lanfeng. Reports were frequently heard that the division had been wiped out. True, he suffered many thousands of casualties before reinforcements arrived from the east along the Lunghai railroad. But the General himself escaped unharmed although Chinese raiding parties sallied forth into Japanese-held territory in an attempt to capture him, dead or alive (100,000 Chinese dollars were offered for his head).

As long ago as 1932, General Doihara was quoted as saying that he "saw no special need for special alarm in North China," although he conceded that possible "misunderstandings" could lead to "clashes." And so it has turned out.

In General Doihara you have your key to the whole Sino-Jap puzzle.