News Parade

by Peter Randal

ANYBODY'S GUESS: The fixing of a precise date for the next war need not be taken too seriously. It is still anybody's guess. What should be taken seriously, something that cannot be over-emphasized, is that the stolid British who as a general rule refused to be ruffled believe that this August and September are the critical months for peace. They say again and again: If we only can get past August and September, war may be held off till next spring or summer.

It might be added: If only the democratic nations of the world would get together, face up to the aggressors, and prevent a war from happening, ever. Dare we indulge in such a dream?

MOBILIZATION: Europe worried last week when 1,000,000 German soldiers, reservists as well as regulars, began army manoeuvres on a tremendous scale.

Should Canada be worried, perhaps, to see the largest gathering of Canadian forces since the Great War mobilized for war games at Camp Borden this August?

Not at all, you say. Nevertheless there's more behind it than meets the public eye

HOPES ARE HIGHER: Since there has been only one case of poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis) in the Toronto area to date, this year's attendance at the Canadian National Exhibition should climb to normal again after the disastrous drop in figures due to the 1937 epidemic.

That is, unless war starts, or something. Because it's a good show!

FORECAST FOR FALL: People aren't giving much thought to politics these days on account of the heat, the harvest, or hay fever. But things are brewing just the same. Prominent Liberals are reported to be quietly protesting Mr. Hepburn's attacks on Federal Prime Minister Mackenzie King. They object to Mr. Hepburn's campaigning against the parent administration, the Liberal regime at Ottawa.

There is strong reason for the belief that Premier Hepburn of Ontario and Duplessis of Quebec actually intend to support the federal Conservative cause, when the times comes.

DANGER ZONE: The big reason why the Arabs are kicking up such a fuss in Palestine is that the establishment of a modern Jewish nation within the borders of the Holy Land (sponsored by Great Britain) would soon see the dwarfing of their numbers into obscurity. They fear that the influx of Jews will dominate the whole region of the Near East and prevent their dream of an independent Arab state promised to them by Lawrence) becoming a reality.

Webb Miller, veteran war and diplomatic correspondent, looks upon the Holy Land as one of the most dangerous, tragic and puzzling spots in the world today. Why? In addition to the threat to international peace presented by this near civil war in Palestine, danger to Britain's own interests is involved. "The Holy Land, a bridgeway along the commercial route from Asia to Egypt is of great importance in Britain's scheme for protection of the Empire's sea and air 'life lines'. The Suez Canal and the rich oil lands in Iraq make Palestine of particular strategic value."

THE WEEK'S QUESTION — What European power gave notice last week of intention to withdraw from the League of Nations Council whose retirement deals a further blow to League prestige? The Answer: Poland.

Cricket

The young and happy clover-hidden cricket
Fiddling first Summer by the cellar-wall
Conceals in his odd head no thought of Autumn.
Here's grass, and he has legs and wings; that's all.

That there will be three silences, the final
Hush his doom beyond the third hard frost,
He does not dream. The clover blooms, quick-blowing,
Shake over him; here's sun — and nothing's lost!
—FRANCES FROST, in the New York Sun.

Sweden has ordered a more rigorous censorship of movies because it believes many films portray too high a valuation of luxury and comfort and emphasize the erotic side of life.

Roosevelt, King Meet at Opening of New International Bridge

President Franklin D. Roosevelt, of the United States, and Premier W. L. Mackenzie King, of Canada, meet at Kingston, Ont., on August 17, when the new Thousand Island international bridge system was officially opened. The president stayed in Kingston over night, and on the following day received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Queen's University. Above photo shows the designers' conception of the new suspension span crossing the American channel from Collins Landing to Wellesley Island, one of the five separate spans and eight-and-a-half miles of approaches and connecting roadways comprising the Thousand Island international bridge system from Collins Landing and Ivy Lea, Ont. President Roosevelt is shown at right and Mr. King in the panel.

Casa Loma

The Million Dollar Castle on the Hill, Toronto, is thronged daily with hundreds of visitors.

One of the big attractions for tourists is Casa Loma of Toronto, known as the Million Dollar Castle built by Sir Henry Pellatt, and was later taken over by the City for taxes.

The Castle is operated by Kiwanis Club of West Toronto as an attraction for tourists and nearly 60,000 people have visited the castle this summer.

The admission is 25 cents and this includes one hour's tour with guide. The tours commence every fifteen minutes from 10 a.m. until the last tour at 9 p.m. This includes a tour through the large library built to accommodate 100,000 volumes of books and is now used for dancing; the conservatory with its stained glass $12,000.00 dome and marble floors. A trip through Sir Henry Pellatt's private bedroom and Lady Pellatt's suite and the suite occupied by the former Prince of Wales.

Souvenirs may be obtained and refreshments are available.

It is a very unique exposition and something everyone in Ontario should see. Many American visitors have advised that the admission price should be $1.00 instead of 25 cents.

Canada to Install Radio In Arctic

Radio transmitting and receiving equipment is to be installed at the Government Reindeer station east of the Mackenzie River Delta, N.W.T., Mines and Resources Department announce. It will work with the National Defence station at Aklavik, N.W.T.

The reindeer herd has grown to approximately 5,000 and the radio will enable the station to keep in touch with the outside world.

Seventeen thousand Americans were among the 85,000 who visited Shakespeare's birthplace in Stratford-on-Avon, England, last year.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

CANADA

Comparative Bliss

Our idea of a happy motorist is a western farmer who, after nine years of drought, gets his car bogged in a mud-hole.—Financial Post, Toronto.

Wrong Way About

The flocking of people to the towns from the country is about equal to withdrawing stones from the foundation of the building to place them at the top. — Guelph Mercury.

Farmers' Gamble

A few hours before the storm the wheat fields in this area gave promise of a bumper crop, the heaviest in years, yet a deluge of hail and high wind destroyed that promise in a twinkling. In some sections there was a total loss, in others partial. The raising of wheat on the prairies is a gamble.—Calgary Herald.

Such Things Make News

Much is being made of a Canadian girl, daughter of a tugboat captain on Manitoulin Island, who married a millionaire from the United States. Why the fuss? Isn't a fine Canadian girl, with or without money and social position, good enough for anyone? And a lot better than some foreign millionairesses we have been reading about lately?—Ottawa Journal.

Safest Air Route

The loss of the giant trans-Pacific Clipper air liner with 15 men aboard is regretted by aviation supporters in Alberta as much as those anywhere else. It is a blow to the realm of commercial aviation. But it adds point to the statement made by Mr. Howe a few days ago, and the belief held in Edmonton and by many Canadian aviation officials for a long time, that the best, the shortest and safest air route for an air line to the Orient is by way of Edmonton, the Yukon and the Bering strait.—Edmonton Journal.

The West's Position

It is for people in other parts of Canada to recognize the nature of this western economy. The pouring of the golden grain into the elevators by the hundreds of millions of bushels in good years does not mean affluence for the western farmers. The returns are divided among a vast army of them, and lean years must be reckoned on, too. The average farmer, year in, year out, cannot hope to live sumptuously; he does well if he can supply his real needs. A great number live very frugally. The western farmers actually need all the consideration that has been sought for them. They are under serious handicaps with regard to transportation costs—both ways, on the things they buy They are seriously affected by the various enemies of the crop. They should not be handicapped, also, for the benefit of other people. Whatever can be done to lower their production costs and their living cost should be done, for it is needed to ensure them and their families that degree of welfare to which they are entitled.—Winnipeg Free Press.

National Hook-up Teletype System

A teletype system linking police departments to cities across Canada would be of inestimable aid in combatting crime, Charles Barnes, assistant director of the Montreal Police Department, told the annual convention of the Province of Quebec Police and Fire Chiefs' Association at Sherbrooke, Que., last week.

Routine information on wanted criminals could be quickly transmitted, the police official said, and correspondence among police departments speeded up. When major crimes were committed, a general alarm could be spread instantaneously, which would aid in rapid apprehension of the criminals.

The speaker also suggested a central training school for police and firemen.

NAMES in the NEWS

GEORGE BRIGDEN

This week we are presenting to you the head of the world's largest annual exposition.

Mr. George Brigden, President of the Canadian National Exhibition, is a capitalist and proud of it. He points to his own rise from a job as window-washer at $1 a week ($2 a week the second year) to his present position, as an example of what can be accomplished by individual enterprise in this old world.

The advantages of thrift, thoroughness, were early taught to the Brigden boys by their father who established the well-known Toronto engraving firm of Brigdens, Ltd. They learned their lessons well. A remarkable memory has also aided Mr. Brigden in his successful career. As a personality he is interesting above all; kindly, humorous.

His advance to the Presidency of the Ex. climaxes a long career of public service. Mr. Brigden was for 24 years actively interested in the administration of Toronto schools. For fifteen years he was a member of the Advisory Industrial Board of the Toronto Board of Education. He is a charter member of the Toronto Rotary Club, now its President. He has been Chairman of the Ontario Division and the Toronto Branch of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association. Thirty-five years ago he became a member of the C.N.E., has since climbed to the top.

Says Ontario's Climate Best

Oshawa District Especially Should Produce the Highest Type of Person, Expert Declares

Prof. A. R. M. Lower, of Wesley College, Winnipeg, during the course of his address before the conference of the Canadian Institute of Economics and Politics at Geneva Park, Lake Couchiching, last week, said climatologists considered Ontario, particularly the Oshawa district, the "exact optimum of favorable environment," a district which should produce the highest type of persons.

The professor was discussing the problem of national unity and said Canada's three main climatic regions would tend to produce different type of people, which in turn would complicate the unity problem.

British Columbia's moderate climate would make for laziness while extreme weather conditions on the prairies would produce a moody and violent type.

Air-Conditioning Aids Operations

Claimed It Eliminates 99 Per-cent of Post-Operative Pneumonia

A discovery that air-conditioning apparently eliminates 99 per cent. of post-operative pneumonia was reported last week at Corey Hill Hospital, Boston.

Rigid control of humidity, keeping it low, at 30, compared with the 90 humidities which have been "scorching" the Eastern United States this summer, appeared to be fully half the cause of improved vigor.

The lung trouble is one of the risks of surgical operations, for which no satisfactory preventive heretofore has been found. It happens after six to seven per cent. of operations, according to a survey made by the Massachusetts General Hospital.

What is the primary purpose of the Exhibition? According to Mr. Brigden, it serves to teach the people of Canada just what the country is doing; what Canada has, to promote profit along all lines; what it is actually producing ,both agriculturally and industrially.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT — **By Fred Neher**

"I'm gettin' sick an' tired of left-overs!"

THE WONDERLAND OF OZ

The Chief called a meeting of the Whimsies and told them of the offer made by General Guph. The creatures were delighted with the bargain and at once agreed to fight for the Gnome King and help him to conquer and enslave the Oz people. One Whimsie alone seemed to have a glimmer of sense having asked—"Suppose we fail to capture the magic belt, what will happen then and what good will all our fighting do?"

But the rest of the Whimsies threw him into the river for asking foolish questions and laughed idiotically when the water ruined his pasteboard head before he could swim out again. So the compact was made and General Guph was delighted at his success in gaining such powerful allies. But there were other people too just as important as the Whimsies whom the clever old gnome had determined to win to his side.

Dorothy, after showing Uncle Henry and Aunt Em through their new rooms in Ozma's palace, opened the closets and showed Aunt Em several exquisite costumes that had been provided for her by the royal dress makers who had worked day and night to get them ready. Everything that Aunt Em could possibly need was in the drawers and closets and her dressing table was covered with engraved gold toilet articles.

Uncle Henry had nine suits of clothes, cut in the popular Munchkin fashion with knee breeches, silk stockings and jewelled buckles. His hats had wide brims with small gold bells around the edges. His shirts were of fine linen and his vests were richly embroidered with colored silks. Uncle Henry accepted his good fortune with composure but Aunt Em was "all a-flutter" and it took Dorothy, the housekeeper, the two maids to dress her and do up her hair.