News Parade

By Elizabeth Eedy

HOLLOW VICTORIES—The Japanese armies appear to have conquered approximately a third of China (the provinces of Shansi, Hopei, Shantung and Suiyuan) and are getting ready to take even larger bites of Chinese territory.

But what is actually happening in the bitten-off areas? Are the Japanese entirely the victors? Captain E. F. Carlson of the United States Marine Corps who has travelled with Chinese soldiers 2,000 miles through "conquered territory," supplies the answer. Estimating that at least 600,000 Chinese soldiers operate in the occupied areas, he declares the Japs control only garrisoned towns, railway lines and main highways. Captain Carlson tells how Chinese bands cross Japanese lines with ease, raid Japanese bases to get supplies. Chinese guerrillas have set up well-functioning administrations, he says, which do everything from harrying the Japanese to keeping schools open. Able-bodied men are being constantly trained for the guerilla armies, whose morale is high.

Under such circumstances it would seem that the Chinese are not capable of being defeated.

ANOTHER DEPRPESSION?—The recession which struck the United States in the fall of 1937 soon had its effect on Canadian business, produced here what amounted almost to a major depression. Slight upswings, however, were felt in the late spring of this year and during the summer. Hopes rose.

Now the sad prediction comes from England (made by Sir William Beveridge, prominent lawyer, economist and head of the London School of Economics) that another depression will soon be smothering business in the United Kingdom. Says Sir William: "The history of the first stages of the last depression (1929) is being repeated today. In figures for 94 industries a comparison between the onset of the last depression and the beginning of the present slump shows a striking measure of agreement, subject to minor differences arising from armament expenditure and other special causes."

Can our bumper wheat crop save Canada from following in the Old Country's wake?

But cheer up—predictions don't always come true!

TWO ASSURANCES— Canadians were thrilled, the rest of the world sat up and took notice last week when President Roosevelt, in his historic address at Queen's University, Kingston, gave to Canada the assurance that "the people of the United States will not stand idly by if domination of Canadian soil is threatened" by any foreign power. "We are good neighbors and good friends . . . "

By way of reciprocating the President's Good Neighbor policy, Prime Minister Mackenzie King proclaimed Canada's acceptance of responsibility for her own protection. Canada intends, he declared, to "keep on going forward" in preparations for her national defense, and will see to it that enemy forces never cross this country by land, sea or air to attack the United States.

Something concrete, there.

THE WEEK'S QUESTION — What part of Canada gets longer and shorter successively, as the years go on?

Answer—Point Pelee—Lake Erie is continually building up and tearing down this southernmost tip of Canada as the water level rises and falls.

Canada's Navy Grows Larger

Four Destroyers And As Many Mine Sweepers Being Added

Launching at Quebec in August of H.M.C.S. Gaspe saw the third of Canada's four mine-sweepers, built to replace the ancient trawlers which had served in that capacity since the war, take the water. The fourth, H.M.C.S. Nootka, will be launched at North Vancouver later this month.

The Fundy and the Comox have been sent down the ways and all four will likely be in commission before the end of the year.

Soon In Commission

About the last week in August the Royal Canadian Navy was strengthened further when the two destroyers, Restigouche and Ottawa, arrived from England. They will be stationed at Esquimalt.

The new destroyers are of the "C" class and were on the Royal Navy establishment as H.M.S. Crusader and H.M.S. Comet. The Comet which has been serving on the Mediterranean anti-piracy patrol, was returned to Chatham, England, three months ago, for refitting. At that base she joined the Crusader. Both were taken over by the Canadian Naval Department in June.

Dictators Play Waiting Game

Professor of Social Research Says They're Biding Their Time—Attitude Is That Britain Holds Losing Cards

The Fascist dictatorships—Italy and Germany—are playing a waiting game, believing the British Empire holds losing cards, according to Dr. Hans Simons, New York professor of social research, who spoke to the political and business leaders gathered for the Canadian Institute of Economics and politics at Geneva Park, Lake Couchiching.

Hitler and Mussolini have misinterpreted the transformation of the British Empire into the British Commonwealth of Nations, Dr. Simons asserted. Convinced as they are that a strong political organization cannot be based on a system of free co-operation and association, the dictators see signs of decay and weakness in the British attitude.

Want British Possessions

This view has led Hitler to withhold his demands for the return of Germany's war-lost colonies, Dr. Simons believed. Hitler is willing to wait while Mussolini builds up his Mediterranean fortifications near Britain's strongholds. When the time is ripe, he said, the Fascist powers believe they will be well prepared to annex former British possessions with a maximum of efficiency and a minimum of effort.

During his recent tour of Europe his only positive observations was an alignment of defensive forces against Germany, said Dr. Simons. "France is concerned primarily with maintaining the status quo while England wants peace at almost any price," he added.

He found a "prevalent fatalism, lack of productive thinking and implications on the part of European citizens and statesmen alike."

Western Polio Cases Increase

113 in Prairie Provinces — Situation Serious in Alberta

Infantile paralysis has a greater hold in Alberta this year than at the same time in 1937. Spread of poliomyelitis has been slightly more severe in British Columbia but the disease has not reached the same proportions in Saskatchewan and Manitoba as in mid-August last year.

Unofficial and approximate figures indicate a total of 113 cases with nine deaths in the four Western Provinces this year compared with approximately 135 cases and five deaths last year.

Use Iron Lungs

The Alberta situation, however, is more serious. Since July 28, 39 cases have been reported and there have been seven deaths. Last year there were 15 cases and two deaths in Alberta up to August 19, although a serious outbreak in September and October increased the number of cases to 169.

Three iron lungs are in use in Alberta and a telegraphic order for a fourth was sent to Toronto last week.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT — By Fred Neher

"Henry bought this car just to use from here, home."

Many on Prairies Never Held Jobs

McGill Investigator Finds Serious Situation in Canadian West

Twenty thousand young men and women in the Prairie Provinces have never been employed at steady work, Albert S. Duncan, a member of the Social Research Department of McGill University, Montreal, found during a two-year survey of the West's unemployment situation.

The West's greatest problem, he found, was the need of permanent jobs for 100,000 employable but unemployed wage earners.

Most Are Young People

Forty thousand of them are unemployed but employable wage earners who are at present receiving relief, he said in an interview. Another 40,000 are unemployed but employable persons not receiving relief. They live by part time earnings, savings and other means. The remaining 20,000 unemployed are young men and women.

Mr. Duncan, en route east after spending a holiday in Banff, said that the total of 100,000 does not include 45,000 farmers who have been on relief in the Prairie Provinces.

Mr. Duncan urged a long-range planning program for the care of the jobless, the Dominion Government to assume responsibility for relief and introduce a system of unemployment insurance.

NAMES in the NEWS

SAM SNEAD

In a thrilling exhibition of subpar golf the battle for the Canadian Open Golf Championship came to a close at Mississauga course last week with Sam Snead, super-slugger of White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., victor over Harry Cooper, of Chicago, defending titleholder.

Climaxing what was undoubtedly the greatest open tournament ever staged by the Royal Canadian Golf Association, Snead and Cooper went twenty-seven holes before a winner and new champion was declared. Originally scheduled as an eighteen-hole playoff, it had to be lengthened nine more because the two starry shotmakers finished the first eighteen holes tied with scores of 67, five under par. On the extra nine holes, Snead snared four birdies for a score of 34, two below par, defeating Cooper by a five-stroke margin.

Snead, a 26-year-old professional, said to be the longest-hitting golfer on this continent, received the $1,000 first-prize cheque and the Seagram gold cup.

The crowd, too, got their money's worth watching the brilliant playoff.

Italy will spend $1,300,000 to encourage cotton growing in Ethiopia.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

CANADA

WOMEN AND HATS

Women without hats were barred from a Quebec court. Women who don't take them off should be barred from theatres.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

WAR NOT YET OVER

For thousands of Canadians the war is not yet over. A Stratford ex-service-man has just died from injuries received in France twenty years ago.—Peterborough Examiner.

NICE TIME FOR A RIDE

It is nice to go riding in the evenings, if it is not too hot, or too dusty, or the road is not torn up or not too crowded, or you have no flat tires or motor trouble.—Brandon Sun.

THE ANSWER

An eastern newspaper asks why it is that with a 300,000,000 bushel wheat crop in the west there is no call for eastern farm help. The answer lies in the tractor and combine.—Calgary Herald.

FIND WORK FOR OUR OWN

Fitting our own people into the available employment of all kinds—helping them to fit in must be a part of the policy of preventing unemployment. It comes before the encouragement of immigration. But after it is done, it should be possible to welcome a considerable number of people of the right type from the preferred countries, including as many as will come from Great Britain. — Winnipeg Free Press.

MARRIED TOO NOISILY

It was an old-fashioned custom for wedding parties to rush up and down streets in cabs with tin cans and old shoes flying. But present-day traffic conditions have made that sort of thing ridiculous as well as highly dangerous. The spectacle of four or five cars racing through traffic at 40 to 50 miles an hour, as we have seen it a few times lately, is one that calls for police intervention. — St. Marys Journal-Argus.

OUR BEAUTIFUL GIRLS

An Englishman in town or business recently was impressed with the profusion of beautiful girls in Toronto . . . so many more and more beautiful than the girls in England. He did hint that the beauties in Toronto were a bit uniform, adapting the same hairdress and make-up, but nevertheless attractive. All this has been said before, but here is something new. The hectic lives of Canadian men, engrossed in business, made it necessary, he thought, for the women to concentrate on their appearance in order to "get" their man. This didn't hold in the leisurely lives of the English. — Toronto Star.

The EMPIRE

THEY HAVE THEM IN INDIA

It is painfully clear that no amount of advice and propaganda will influence traffic hogs in Bombay. The only way to bring them to their senses is to impress on them the knowledge that every time they err they are liable to be severely punished; at present they have no such fear. The matter, in view of the number of accidents in the city, is one which intimately affects the safety and lives of the citizens, and deserves the attention of the Bombay Government.—Times of India, Bombay.

Road To Pacific From Peace River

Residents of That Far Northern District Have Started Own Highway Expected to be the Shortest Route to Vancouver

It looked like the only way to get a road to the Pacific Coast, so residents of the Peace River district took up their picks and shovels—and started to build their own highway across the Rocky Mountains.

They call it the Monkman Pass Highway. Backing it are 150-odd branches of the Monkman Pass Highway Association in British Columbia and Alberta. Members hope they can drive the first truck across the summit by early autumn. Then there will be plenty of work smoothing off the rough spots and making a permanent roadbed before general traffic can travel the route with ease.

Through Monkman Pass

Alex. Monkman, Wembley, Alta., farmer and formerly a fur trader, discovered the pass in 1922. The ground rises on the east to an altitude of 3,500 feet—just about the same height above sea level as Calgary—and drops off easily on the Pacific side. On both sides of the pass mountains rise 8,000 and 9,000 feet.

The roadbuilders—mostly volunteers, but with a few men paid $1 a day and board—have the backing of railway surveyors in their selection of a route. In 1929 the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National Railways made a joint survey when they considered building a railroad into the wheat-producing Peace River district to provide an outlet to the coast.

The highway follows almost exactly the lines of that survey. Last year a civil engineer retraced it and mapped out the highway trail.

Australia Called Fishing Paradise

The Industry Has Never Been Exploited in Home Waters There—Teeming Wealth of Finny Prey

Zane Grey, famous novelist and big game fisherman, once said: "Australia is not only an ideal fishing centre—it is the home of fish."

But the fishing industry has never been exploited in Australian waters, so the Fisheries Investigation Branch of the Scientific and Industrial Research Council is going to do something about it. It is commissioning a research ship to chart fishing grounds.

Huge Catches of Pilchards

It is known that from May to September there is one stretch of water 30 miles long off New South Wales which is literally teeming with pilchards. These fish are also common in other parts and in one bay they have been found up to 11 ins. long.

Samples of water taken near Sydney show that huge catches of pilchards can be expected. If this pilchard industry is developed Australia may become a serious rival to the great sardine fisheries of California.

Other surface swimming fish which are abundant in Australian waters include herring, sprats, anchovies and mackerel.

Monster Leaves Child's Tracks

Footprints in the Sands of Ecuador Strike Panic Into The Hearts of Indians

While the Nogapotsane, with its goat-like head and python's body, is terrifying the natives of Bechuanaland, another fearsome creature, the Tin-Tin, is striking panic into the hearts of the Indians of Ecuador.

Like the Nogapotsane, the Tin-Tin is no mythical mnster. It looks like a cross between a donkey and a giant lizard—and the most uncanny thing about this dragon-like monster is that it leaves footprints in the sand exactly like those of a child of about 15.

That it really does exist is vouched for by an Englishman in Ecuador who recently followed the creature's spoor through desolate sand-dunes until he lost them in the pampas. A week later he actually saw the Tin-Tin.

It was grey with black stripes, and had a long tail and a small head. Seeing it was being watched, it reared up on its hind legs, grunting weirdly, made off for the woods at a great speed. The "child's" footprints where it had been standing were identical with the footprints that natives in the district have come to regard with terror.

Our language is changing, says a London expert who declares he has found that in the last twenty years 170,000 words were added while 50,000 "passed out".

THE WONDERLAND OF OZ

When Aunt Em and Uncle Henry were all dressed, Dorothy took them through the beautiful rooms of the palace. She also showed them her own pretty rooms. Then they went into the back yard and after walking along a winding path for some distance through the beautiful garden, they came to an attractive little house where a Yellow Hen sat on the front porch sunning herself.

"Good morning, Dorothy," called Billina, from her perch on the railing around the front porch. I was expecting you to call on me for I heard you had come back and brought your uncle and aunt with you." "We are here for good and all this time, Billina," cried Dorothy, happy to see the hen once more. "And Uncle Henry and Aunt Em belong in Oz as much now as I do."

"Then they are very lucky people," declared Billina. "But come, dear, I must show you all my Dorothys. Nine are living and have grown up to be very respectable hens, but one took cold and died of the pip and the other two turned out to be horrid roosters instead of hens, so I had to change their names to Daniel. They all have gold lockets with your picture inside."

Dorothy wanted to stay and play with the little chickens for a while, but Uncle Henry and Aunt Em had not seen the palace grounds and were eager to get better acquainted with the marvelous land in which they were to live. So they left for a walk. Dorothy set her foot on the steps of the hen's cottage and immediately became small enough to enter the little door.