News Parade

By Elizabeth Eedy

EYES ON INDIA: An added reason behind Great Britain's deepening anxiety over Germany's inroads into Empire trade is the knowledge that Hitler actually has his eyes on . . . British India! Looking east first to the Ukraine, the Fuehrer sees Constantinople beyond Bagdad India. British Board of Trade sources reveal that Germany has worked out a detailed campaign, already, to cut into the India market, and that the Reich will shortly send Pundit Agnietri, head of the German-India Society of Vienna, with a group of German trade experts on a mission to India.

THE TRANSIENT QUESTION: In Canada the problem has become acute. Thousands and thousands of young men trekking up and down the country, back and forth, begging food and shelter. The majority have long since ceased to look for work because they know there is none to be had, save the odd job here and there, temporary employment in the summer time.

As the regulations stand now, if a young chap leaves his home locality for a summer job elsewhere, he finds on his return that the municipality no longer recognizes him as a resident. It frequently happens that a young fellow leaves home on being told (sometimes officially) that there is "plenty of work on the farms", or in the north or in the west. Circumstances lead him down the road from respectability to loss of self-respect, and crime.

To attack this tremendous problem, a conference has been called by the Canadian Welfare Council for January 24th and 25th at Ottawa. The care of non-resident and migrant men and families in Canada will be discussed by a representative national committee. We hope they can do something.

IT MATTERS TO US: The average Canadian was thrown into a pretty genuine dither by the Czechoslovak crisis in September when war seemed so close. But he has given little thought to the more important (now) conflict in Spain and what its outcome is going to mean to him.

Far-off and localized, that war in Spain? Not on your life! Don't call it a civil conflict, either. The Spanish government may well symbolize democracy in a struggle to the death with its powerful enemy, fassicm (as represented by Mussolini, Hitler). A victory for Franco in Spain will mean the fall of Spain's sister democracy, France; then the entire continent of Europe will drop like a ripe plum into the laps of the Rome-Berlin conspirators.

It has been said frequently the past couple of months that "Europe was lost in 1938." Not altogether we hope. Not yet. But when Europe does go, America comes next. And that means us.

THE WEEK'S QUESTION: Are Canada's sales to the United States increasing? Answer: The Dominion's exports to the U. S. in November 1938, totalled $35,584,371; a rise of $4,295,872 over the same month in 1937. Note a big jump in number of beef cattle (weighing over 700 lbs.) shipped across the border — twelve times as many were exported to the U. S. in November of 1938.

Ottawa Has Eye On Your Stomach

Dominion Department of Agriculture Inspectors Are Active Keeping Watch on All Food For Canada's Tables

The Dominion Department of Agriculture has an eye on your stomach. Guardians of the public health, the department's inspectors keep a close watch on the food that makes its way to the nation's dining room table.

White-coated inspectors maintain hawk-eyed vigilance in the slaughterhouses to make sure that victims of the butcher's knife were healthy animals and birds and free from the taint of tuberculosis or other diseases. The rubber stamp on the flesh, "Canada Approved" is a gilt-edged guarantee of healthy meat.

The official eye pries ceaselessly into shipments of fruits and vegetables moving from one province to another or across the Dominion's borders bound for Canadian markets. The fruits and vegetables must pass rigid tests, and the grade or quality must be clearly marked for all consumers to read.

Agents of the department in foreign countries scrutinize inspection services there and make their own investigations before such countries are permitted to ship food to Canada. It is not a matter of red tape but a most thorough system of protection of the health of hungry Canadians.

Canned foods come under rigid inspection for purity, quality and grading. Jams, for instance, must contain certain percentages of pure fruit with the pectin, or apple pulp, used to provide bulk.

King of Sweden Presents Nobel Prize to Pearl Buck

King Gustaf, of Sweden, is shown here as he formally presented the 1938 Nobel Prize for Literature to Mrs. Pearl Buck, world famous authoress who wrote "The Good Earth". The prize consisted of a parchment certificate bound in tooled leather, the Nobel medal and a cheque for about $37,975. Mrs. Buck, when first told of the distinction she had won, was completely taken by surprise.

Electric Fence Controls Herds

One-Wire Type Carrying Low Voltage Current is Approved By O.A.C.

One-wire electrical fences, becoming popular with farmers in Canada and the United States, are approved by two members of the Faculty of the Ontario Agricultural College whose opinions are given in the current issue of the O. A. C. monthly magazine.

Dr. O. McConkey, of the Field Husbandry Department, describes the fence, a single strand of wire through which courses low voltage current, as "a cheap, effective, method of controlling grazing, thereby utlizing feed more effectively and preventing waste and uneven grazing which ocurs when animals are allowed to wander at will over a large field."

Prof. W. C. Blackwood, head of the department of agricultural engineering, said the fence was "one of the most interesting and most useful pieces of Ontario farm equipment." He added that the Ontario Hydro-Elecric Power Commission has withheld permission to connect the fences to its power lines until more detailed tests for safety of operation have been made.

Approve Large North Ontario Works Program

A $2,000,000 emergency works program for northern and northwestern Ontario, cost of which is to be shared equally by the Ontario and Federal Governments has been approved by Labor Minister Rogers.

The program, designed to cope with unemployment caused by a sharp drop in pulp-cutting operations in those parts of the province, will provide for highway construction, forestry conservation and other works.

12,000 Men Now Idle

In December representations were made by members of the House of Commons for the Northern Ontario and head of the lakes areas on behalf of some 12,000 men, now idle, who would normally be employed in pulp-cutting operations at this time of year.

Almanac Sees Crises Ahead

Periodical Whose Predictions Are Read By Thousands of Britons Has Gone Gloomy On Them

Europe will experience new crises during April and June of next year which will lead to a grave threat of war in September but President Roosevelt of the United States will intervene and prevent the outbreak of a new world conflict, Foulsham's "Old Moore's Almanac," predicts.

Walker's edition, known simply as "Old Moore," also has been issued with a doleful list of predictions for 1939 but it placed the new European crisis in July and believed the centre of danger will be in the Mediterranean.

Both almanacs have been popular for years and their predictions are read by thousands of Britons.

Foulsham's sees danger of war in 1939 between the United States and Japan in December and believes that Russia may be involved.

More Surrenders

Other predictions include:

A British cabinet crisis in February., serious labor disturbances in the United States throughout the year, an economic boom in the United States, a "period of decline" for Italian dictator Benito Mussolini, the assassination of "a member of the German government" in January, a general election in Britain in the spring and a crisis regarding German and Italian demands for colonies during August resulting in the "surrender of some possessions by Britain and also France."

Say North Pole Is Warming Up

MOSCOW.—The North Pole is warming up, the Soviet Weather Bureau reported last week.

Ten years of observations in the Arctic, according to the Bureau show that surface water temperature is higher each year and ice correspondingly decreasing.

The Bureau said it was not known whether the trend was periodic or progressive.

VOICE OF THE PRESS

AND WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE

A new piece of farm machinery is an electric soil shredder. Pretty soon when you buy an up-to-date farm you'll get it sliced, like a loaf. — Toronto Star.

WATERED

Milk producers in the Brantford district are selling milk below the cost of production. In the old days with pumps in vogue, they never would have had to do this. — Brantford Expositor.

REMOVE LOCAL LOAD

The Ontario government claims to be ready to pay 40 per cent. of the relief costs in Ontario if the Dominion government will do the same. This would leave 20 per cent. for the municipalities — enough to see that the money is spent wisely. — Chatham News.

MORE SCHOLARSHIPS WANTED

Mr. Paul Martin, M.P., expressed a truth when he said the universities were full of students who shouldn't be there at all, while the other young people who would make the most of such an opportunity are unable to take advantage of the teaching. There is a lot of readjusting to be done before there are equal rights to higher education. — Toronto Globe and Mail.

WHEAT AND AUTOS

What good crops and new money for wheat mean to Eastern Canada is exemplified in a press despatch which tells of Southern Alberta automobile shopping parties to Ontario. Parties of from eight to twenty are being made up bound for the eastern automotive centres to take delivery of new cars. — Moose Jaw Times-Herald.

LOVELY GIRLS

There may be plenty of beautiful girls in the South. There undoubtedly are, but those people who live in the South or who go down there each Winter, miss something really worth while. They miss the unequalled beauty of a Canadian girl's complexion after she comes in from a walk, skate or ski party in the crisp winter air. We aren't an authority on beauty but we'll match our Canadian red-cheeked girls against the sun-tanned southern belles any day in the week and remain reasonably confident of the outcome. There's something about winter winds that adds to the beauty of our women. — Lindsay Post.

Youth: One Crop That Never Fails

Betterment of World Rests on Their Education, Says Head of Saskatchewan University

Saskatchewan has one crop that never fails — the crop of young life — Dr. J. S. Thompson, president of the University of Saskatchewan, said in an address at Yorkton last week.

"There may be some periods of drought and frustration of hopes but the crop of young life never fails," he said.

Betterment of the world could only be looked for through the proper education of the "present crop" of young people. They must be educated in terms of human welfare; not to the welfare of the individual.

Betterment of Human Welfare

He felt "the mess we are in today" might be the result of education — the work of professors in research being misapplied.

Early discoveries had been exploited; stupendous wealth created and power gained by men which in turn had developed a world of selfishness and fear.

More education was the only cure but this would only come through instruction in the use of the "wondrous new gifts for the use of God's glory and the betterment of human welfare."

Quality Is Superb

"SALADA" TEA

$70,000,000 Under The Atlantic

65 Feet Down Off the North Coast of the Dominican Republic

There is a man in the Dominican Republic who knows where he can put his hand on $70,000,000 worth of gold and silver — but it isn't as easy as "putting your hand" on it. The treasure he has discovered is 65 feet under the sea — and has been since 1632! At least, so says Captain Craig, famous deep sea diver and explorer.

Work of Recovery Risky

He has made underwater pictures of two Spanish galleons encrusted in coral, lying off the North coast of Dominica, B.W.I. It is believed they sank after being driven there by a hurricane. Previous attempts at salvage have yielded $3,500,000 but efforts to remove the balance of this treasure will be difficult, stated Captain Craig, after three months' survey.

Swift currents, coral as hard as cement, and vicious sharks make the divers' work hazardous.

Plenty Of Raw Salt Out West

Extraction, However, is Quite Difficult

The job of extracting raw salt from alkali lakes of Saskatchewan is a hard one, J. W. Miller, Edmonton farmer, who operates a plant for extracting soda sulphate from one of these lakes at Pala, Sask., said at Winnipeg last week.

"There are 120,000,000 tons of raw salt in the alkali lakes of Saskatchewan but just try to get some of it. It's the toughest job I ever tried," he said.

Pump Brine From Lakes

"We pump the brine out of the lake. It looks simple but it's tricky. If the sun goes under a cloud during the pumping, the brine freezes in the pipe. We have to pump at an increasing temperature all the time."

Duchess Loses Top Position

World's Best Dressed Woman —Bolivian Princess Is Fashion Queen

The Duchess of Windsor was dethroned as the queen of fashion in the annual poll of the Paris dressmakers when they selected Mme. Antenor Patino, "tin princess" for top position in their list of the world's 10 best-dressed women.

Mme. Patino is a daughter-in-law of Simon Patino, the Bolivian "tin millionaire" who is famous in his own right as one of the world's richest men.

The Duchess was ranked second, well ahead of the remainder of the field which included her royal sister-in-law, Marina, Duchess of Kent. The best-dressed women who have the time and money to make an art of dressing themselves and really set the style pace of two continents, as picked by a poll of the French dressmaking trade are:

Mme. Antenor Patino.
The Duchess of Windsor.
The Duchess of Kent.
Baronne Eugene de Rothschild, the former Catherine Wolff, of Philadelphia.
The Begum Aga Khan.
Mrs. Harrison Williams.
The Marquise de Paris.
Mrs. Gilbert Miller.
Senora Martinez de Hoz.
Mme. Jean Dupuy, the former Dorothy Spreckles, of California.

Hasten the Work Of Dish-Washing

There's no hard and fast rule about dishwashing but, generally speaking, most housewives find the task expedited by washing them in the following order: glasses, silver, cups and saucers, plates, platters and serving dishes; then kitchen cutlery and lastly cooking utensils.

Stacking and storing the leftover food before washing the dishes gives more room in the kitchen to work, and soaking the cooking utensils as soon as they are emptied eliminates a lot of scrubbing and polishing.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By Fred Neher

"I always take a brisk ride before breakfast."

WONDERLAND OF OZ

By L. Frank Baum

"It does not rain here," replied Miss Cuttenclip. "Glinda keeps all the rain storms away, so I never have to worry about my dolls getting wet. But now if you will come with me, it will give me pleasure to show you over my paper kingdom. Of course you must go slowly and avoid making any breeze." So our friends left the cottage and followed their guide through the various streets of the village.

It was indeed an amazing place when one considered that it was all done with scissors, and the visitors were full of admiration for the skill of little Miss Cuttenclip. In one place a group of especially nice paper dolls assembled to greet their queen, whom it was easy to see they loved dearly. These dolls marched and danced before the visitors and then they all waved paper flags and sang in a sweet chorus a song named: "The Flag of Our Native Land."

At the conclusion of the song they ran up a handsome flag on a tall flag pole and the people of the village shouted as loudly as they really could, although, of course, their voices were not especially strong. Miss Cuttenclip was about to make her subjects a speech in reply to this patriotic song, when Uncle Henry happened to sneeze. He was a loud and powerful sneezer at any time, and he had tried so hard to hold this sneeze that when it suddenly exploded the result was terrible.

The paper dolls were mowed down by the dozen, and blew in every direction, tumbling this way and that, and getting wrinkled and bent. A wail of terror came from the throng and Miss Cuttenclip hurried at once to the rescue of her overturned people. "Oh, Uncle Henry, how could you?" asked Dorothy. "I couldn't help it, really I couldn't," he protested, looking ashamed. And I had no idea it took so little to upset these paper dolls."