Lightning Bolts Debunk Adage

Struck Twice in Same Place Near Campbellford, Ont., All Within Five Minutes

Michael Moran is not so sure now about that adage which says that lightning never strikes twice in the same place.

During a violent electrical storm in June, Moran's home on the Brighton road, near Campbellford, Ontario, was struck twice within five minutes. One bolt followed an aerial wire and ruined a radio set and the other took the Hydro wires and blew a fuse in the house. No fire resulted however.

The storm was so severe that 12 telephone poles were blown down in the district, disrupting service in general.

The Book Shelf

MINE INHERITANCE
By Frederick Niven

Frederick Niven, in the front rank of contemporary writers, tells in his new novel, "Mine Inheritance", the story of the first important British settlement in the Canadian West — an epic in the history of Canada.

From the first days of this venture, when the settlers put out from Scotland under the leadership of their governor, Miles Macdonell, to the final achievement, after unspeakable hardship, of their great ambition — "to establish themselves in a part of the world where they could own their land, from which they could never be evicted, that would be an inheritance for their children" — the story is told of David Baxter, a young clerk in the service of Miles Macdonell. Through his eyes we see the terrible struggle for existence that confronted the settlers.

"Mine Inheritance" . . . by Frederick Niven . . . Toronto: Collins Publishers, 70 Bond St., . . . $2.75.

Character First, Then Education

Windsor Magistrate Says Advantages of University Education Are Secondary Requirement in Young Citizens

Character comes first, education second, Magistrate David M. Brodie, of Windsor, told members of the graduating class of the extension department of the University of Western Ontario of Windsor.

"The young man or woman who would fill a leading place in life needs more than the advantages of a university education," declared the Windsor magistrate. "I suggest to you that character is the foundation of any career you may choose to follow if you would be successful."

Guest speaker at the banquet which was attended by nearly 200 including many alumni of the extension department, Magistrate Brodie declared his experience on the bench has taught him that the young person who can take the hard knocks and not succumb "to the blandishments of those who point the easy way" is most likely to make a success of life.

"I have learned that the things which come easy to young people are not always good for them," he warned, recalling that many of those born to good fortune and ready facilities for a high education often fail.

A weak character, he said, is a greater handicap than a lack of education.

Vancouver Air Traffic Grows

Airport There Has Become One of the Business Commercial Terminals in Canada

As western anchor of Trans-Canada Airlines, the Vancouver airport experienced a rapid rise from an out-of-the-way landing field to one of the busiest commercial terminals in the Dominion. In the first three months of this year, airplanes carried 69,008 pounds of mail, 14,227 pounds of freight, and 4,607 passengers into the airport, a combined land and water base not far from the City's center. This was an increase of 54 per cent. in mail, 179 per cent in freight, and 148 per cent. in passengers.

Inauguration last year of Trans-Canada Airlines national service had much to do with the growth.

Only a few barnstorming pilots were the customers when the City went in for airport development a few years ago. United Airlines put it on the map by making a side trip from its transcontinental terminal at Seattle. Nowadays, an airliner takes off for some distance point of the continent, or lands from one, every 81 minutes between early dawn and well into the night.

Vacation Delights In the Canadian Rockies

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Stanfield, of Truro, N. S., vacationing in the Canadian Rockies, are seen in the corral at Banff Springs Hotel just after their return on horse-back from a visit to Sunshine Lodge. Guide who accompanied them is on the left of picture.
—Canadian Pacific Photo.

THE WAR-WEEK—Commentary on Current Events

Latest Soviet Move Blocks Hitler's Pathway To East

The centre of crisis in Europe last week shifted overnight from west to east. The imminent invasion of Britain by Hitler's hordes was relegated to the background of the world's attention by the swift-moving events in the Balkans that changed the shape of the conflict between Britain and Germany, endowing it with an entirely new set of possibilities. To many, the Soviet success in Rumania meant that it would be in the east that Hitler might meet his final defeat.

THE VITAL STRAITS

The small agricultural province of Bessarabia was seen as of little importance to the immense Soviet Union. Rather the significance of its seizure lay in the strategic new position Russia was enabled to acquire thereby — the Reds were now encamped along the vital Danube, right in line for cutting off Germany's Rumanian oil supply; they had stolen a march on Hitler in the direction of the Dardanelles, and could easily gain control of those straits which are the key to the east.

MIGHT BEAT HITLER TO IT

From a certain well-informed quarter in Washington came the prediction that the war would shift eastward in September with a head-on clash between Germany and Russia. Would Britain first be blitzkrieged? Or would Hitler spare the British Isles in view of the new threat in the east? Did Stalin expect to be the next Axis victim? If so, might he not be getting ready now to attack first, catching Germany at an unprepared moment, exhausted from battle in the west?

Fear of the conflict spreading all throughout the entire Balkan area was largely discounted last week. Russia had Bulgaria and Yugoslavia pretty well in hand. Greece was frightened. Hungary was being held back by German desire to keep that country at peace and in a position to supply all the agricultural products likely to be needed this fall and winter in the Reich.

GIBRALTAR MENACED

On the other hand, an Axis push in the Spanish peninsula was not altogether unlooked-for. London diplomatic commentators suggested that Hitler might send troops to Spain to attack Gibraltar in an attempt to cut British communications into the Mediterranean. They expressed the belief that the fall of France and the German occupation of the French side of the Spanish frontier had completely swung General Franco over to the side of Germany and Italy. The Madrid newspaper Alcazar hinted at a possible Spanish attempt to seize Gibraltar. "The rock has lost almost all its strategic value," the paper contended. "From the Moroccan coast or from the nearby mountains, Gibraltar could be shelled mercilessly and effectively."

OUST "MUNICH MEN"!

During the week wild rumors went the rounds of peace negotiations between Britain and Germany. These were all categorically denied, former Prime Minister Chamberlain even going to the trouble of making a radio speech to refute them. Nevertheless there were powerful forces at work in Britain anxious to remove all the "men of Munich" from public life, at any rate from the Government. A move was under way to make sure that there are no "appeasers" in the Cabinet waiting to seize power as Petain did in France and conclude an ignominious peace with the enemy. Peter Lyne, Christian Science Monitor correspondent in London, quoted Lord Strabolgi, prominent debater in the House of Lords: "Unfortunately the past of these two statesmen (Chamberlain and Halifax) is so identified with the appeasement policy that, so long as they are in the Inner War Cabinet, the German propagandists will find credence for their fairy tales about Britain suing for an armistice."

Alternating with talk of peace with Britain, came Nazi press reports that the drive against England was almost ready. "The joint forces of Germany and Italy are uniting for the final attacks," declared the Boersen Zeitung. "The Atlantic coast from Brittany to Norway is being organized into an aggressive front against England. Every category of arms is ready. The Reich's military resources are being reinforced daily and army, navy and air force are being concentrated to an extent never before witnessed."

R.A.F. TAKES INITIATIVE

Britain seized the initiative during the week with sea and air raids on German continental coastal bases, and German-occupied industrial areas in France, Belgium and Holland. Information leaking out of Germany indicated the R.A.F. attacks were taking their toll of industrial production, with many factories being forced to abandon the night shifts. At the same time, German planes flew daily over the British Isles, dropping a deadly load of bombs.

Watch Ireland, warned the London News-Chronicle. This widely-read Liberal paper demanded that the Government forestall possible German plans for invasion of Ireland (hence striking at Britain through the back door) by providing "sufficient" forces in Northern Ireland.

Great Britain was worried about the Far Eastern situation, as the Japanese land blockade tightened around Hong Kong. The Japanese Army was reported moving troops down from the Yangtze area, with 100,000 already billeted on Hainan Island. The French Indo-Chinese defense, 50,000 mostly native troops almost entirely unsupported by airplanes, would probably not last long against the Japs without help from British Singapore.

WHITE MAN ON SPOT

"To Japanese militarists, occupation of French Indo-China was a delightful prospect. It would shorten both the long faces of discouraged civilians at home and the China campaign — by cutting Chiang-Kai-shek's chief supply lines. If and when the United States fleet were shifted from the Pacific to the Atlantic, Japan could begin her long-planned campaign to drive the white man from all Asia." ("Time", July 1st.).

INDIA: Mohandas K. Gandhi emerged from silence last week with an appeal to all Britons to cease hostilities with Germany, urging that they settle their differences with "non-violent methods." The leader of the millions of India urged Britain not to enter "undignified competition with the Nazis in destructive power." Gandhi said he was placing his services at the command of His Majesty's Government to "advance the object" of his appeal. The day previous, Gandhi's Leftist rival, Subhas Chandra Bose, had been arrested under Defence of India Regulations.

JEALOUSY?

ITALY: Marshal Rodolfo Graziani, chief of staff of the Italian army, took command last week of all Italian forces in Libya, which formerly had been commanded by the late Italo Balbo. Balbo three days previously had met his death in an air crash under peculiar circumstances. The British Foreign Office news department suggested that Balbo was deliberately killed because he clashed with Mussolini personally as well as over the dictator's policy of tying to Germany. Might not Graziani also have been jealous of Balbo?

U.S. PLACES NEW EMBARGO

UNITED STATES: Two very important moves were made by President Roosevelt last week. First he invoked the power to seize foreign-owned shipping. Second, (serious for Britain), he placed a virtual embargo on the sale to foreign countries of any munitions, materials or machinery needed in the U. S. national defense program.

Fear of a Nazi revolution in Mexico immediately following this week's election continued to pervade the U. S. Fear of German economic domination of South America through barter prompted the loan of $20,000,000 to Argentina for purchases to be made in the United States.

In the field of domestic politics, the nomination of Wendell L. Willkie as Republican Presidential candidate overshadowed all else; confirmation of the appointment of Henry L. Stimson, Republican, to the vital post of U. S. War Secretary, took place with little or no fuss.

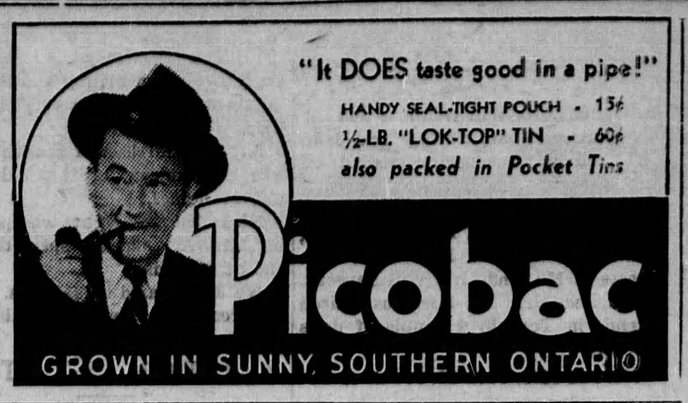
CANADA: Succeeding boats during the week landed very different cargoes on our shores. The first Nazi war prisoners arrived in Canada for internment here, "sulky, swaggering louts" . . . Frau Dollfuss and her two children debarked from the next ship amid a crowd of wealthy refugees from the United Kingdom . . . Two people the boats did not bring were the Princesses Elizabeth and Margaret Rose "who will share the fate of other British children" remaining at home . . . the full influx of evacuee children from the United Kingdom was reported delayed several weeks due to a mixup in red tape . . . which gave Canadian homes and foster-parents longer to prepare for the reception of new members into the family . . .

The Western wheat problem moved into the limelight again as the prairie farmers began to wonder what would become of the good crops they expect this year. Elevators were still full of last year's wheat . . . and nowhere to dispose of it, unless we should suddenly find ourselves trading again with Hitler, who needs the grain badly . . . In Ontario a serious shortage of farm labor was beginning to be felt, since so many former 'hired men" had joined the army . . .

The Federal Cabinet changes forecast for the week did not materialize, although a Wartime Industries Control Board was established, with sweeping powers to mobilize the industries of this country for war purposes . . . announcement was made that Britain would build 35 plants here, at a cost of $50,000,000, to turn out explosives, guns, shells and small arms ammunition — total output to reach a quarter of a billion dollars annually . . . Conservative M. P.'s and C.C.F. leaders in the House assailed Henry Ford for refusing to manufacture plane motors for Britain . . . during the week a new trade treaty was signed with Paraguay, a step which was taken in view of the increased trade opportunities to the south of us since the otubreak of war in Europe . . .

A tragic event of the week was the sinking of the Canadian destroyer Fraser following a collision off the west coast of France; forty-five were dead or missing, 115 rescued . . . Premier Mitchell F. Hepburn, in bad shape, rested in Battle Creek Sanitarium across the border . . .

Word from Ottawa came that details of a new unified press service for radio stations in Canada were being worked out, the system to be on a co-operative basis with the CBC and the recognized news agencies working together. For the present, the existing news services are permitted to carry on their broadcasts as in the past, but the day of sponsored newscasts is almost over.



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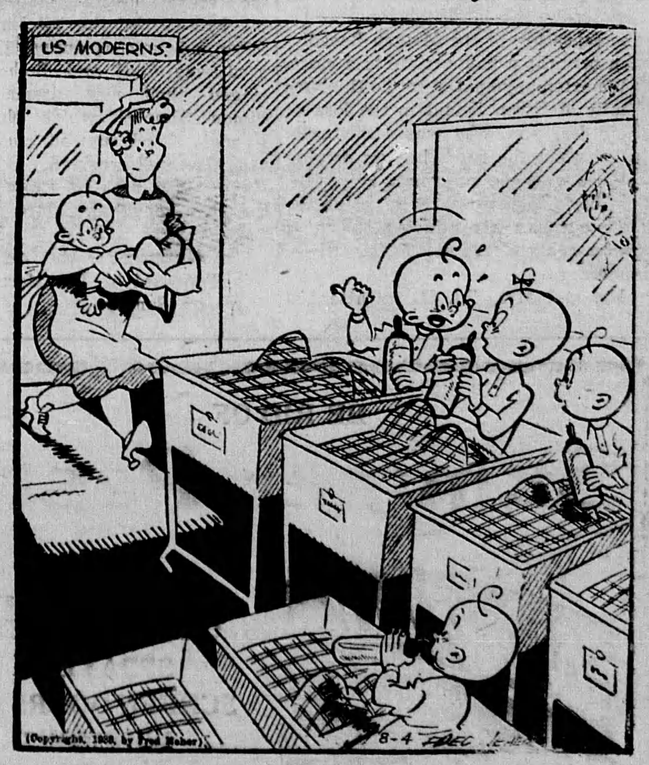

"I know his sort—always drops in at meal time!!"

REG'LAR FELLERS—Self-Preservation — **By GENE BYRNES**