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

Europe." Now, as never before, this designation is apt. For the eyes of all European governments are watching the shifts and changes in the French Cabinets these days, and foreign policies of many countries are modified accordingly.

An article in "Current History" points out that, since the Nationa (Chamberlain) Government of Great Britain is a Government of the Right or Conservative elements, it is greatly to its interest to have a government of the Right in France, too. Hence the break-up of the French Popular Front, coming simultaneously with the resignation of Leon Blum, Leftist Premier, last week, was cheered mightily in London.

In Berlin, too, the fall of the Blum Cabinet was hailed as the opening of a new era, with French policy more favorably disposed toward Germany A likelihood of the early drawing away from the Franco-Soviet pact by the French Government was also cause for rejoicing there, strengthen ing Hitler's hand to make faster work of Czechoslovakia (or Alsace-Lerraine or Danzig or Lithuania).

At home in France the nation was apparently not so pleased. Leon Jouhaux, French labor leader, claim-ing followers numbering six million, was furious at the forced break-up of the Popular Front, threatened a general strike of all industry. Socialists and Communists alike, who together form the largest bloe in the Chamber, cried "Down with the Daladier Gov-ernment!" The former would not lend the government their support when invited to do so; the latter were ex-cluded as being too extreme for a

Centre or Right government.

For a moment, then, France was close to revolution, which was kept from coming to a head by the realiza-tion that "another 1789" in France would precipitate a general European word Way? Because civil war in France would create a situation there directly comparable to the situation in Spain; the armies of Hitler and Mussolini would undoubtedly plunge into the conflict and there you would

The new government is representa tive of only a small section of the French people, with pressure being for the next few weeks and every new development will be significant

CONSERVATIVE LEADER: Every day in every way the list of prospective candidates for leadership of Canada's Conservative Party is growing Boeing seaplane from Port Washing-bigger and bigger. Sometimes rumor

Cn Grand National Race

Analyzed

Canadians spent \$1,100,170 on tick-

ets in the Irish hospital sweepstakes on an estimate made for the Canadian

number of consolation prizes drawn

amount of prize. This, of course, gave

a fraction, which was multiplied by

The statisticians found their four

estimates varied only slightly, despite

On The Derby Too

144,000, and by total prizes money,

that Canadians spent \$603,530 on the British hospital sweepstake on the

Derby last yer when total world sale 67 tickets was \$10,317,789, indicating

On the Grand National sweep, Can-

adians got 125 of the 1,600 consola-

tion prizes, 104 of the 1,264 horses drawn, 43 of the 576 horses starting

and \$618,659 of the total prize money

Town For Sale

Want to buy a town? An entire towrship is for sale near Melbourne,

Australia, with electricity and water

bidding among anglers' clubs and pri-

vat. fishermen, who want to establish

British imports last year totalled

Construction is so extensive in Co-

Guards along the Russian border

are using dogs to detect trespassers.

lombia that a shortage of materials is

\$5,148,560,000, a high record of

anglers' settlement there.

hought on the Derby.

The statisticians also estimated

\$13,-730,010, the total world sale

Press by statisticians.

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\$1.054.000.

completed.

many years.

WATCH FRANCE: France has augments it, later to be denied. At often been called "the key nation of present five candidates are prominently mentioned: Arthur Purvis, former Chairman of the National Employment Commission; Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion, former Minister of Railways and Canals; Hen. J. Earl Lawson, once Mia als; Hen. J. Earl Inwoon, once we inster without portfolio in the Bennett Cabinet; Denton Massey, Toronto M. P., and Sydney Smith, President of the University of Manitoba.

> WHAT HITLER MAY PROPOSE: The foreign affairs commentator who writes under the pen-name of Augur eported last week in his private ser vice to London subscribers that Germany would propose a sensational deal for extensive territorial acquis ition when Chancellor Hitler visits Premier Mussolini in Rome next nonth.

Augur said Germany would ask free hand in gradual absorption of the Danubian region as far as the Black In exchange, it would offer to Sea. In exchange, it would offer to help Italy eventually to take from France the rich strip of French terri-tory along the Italian border includ-ing the Savoie region and the Medi-terranean port of Nice; the Mediterranean island of Corsica, and the North African possession of Tunisia.

PRESIDENTIAL SETBACK: Presilent Roosevelt's administration staggered under an overwhelming blow dealt in the United States House of Representatives last week when a number of Democrat members "crossed the floor of the House" and voted with the other side against the President's Government Re-organization Bill. The issue was one of increasing Presidential powers to permit long overdue reforms to be made in the executive branch of the government

Observers say the defeat in such : namer of the Re-organization Bill means a big drop in the prestige of the President, that it will mark the eginning of a nation-wide struggle between F.D.R. and his "big business"

READY IN AUGUST: The longeralded transatlantic air service on twenty-four-hour schedule between New York and Foynes, Ireland, will start this summer, perhaps by the first of August, it was officially announced brought to bear on it from both the Right and the Left. The crisis is still from New York last week. (Passenon: France will be worth watching gers and mail will be carried—compete the competence of the competen mercial flights must wait till later.) according to the schedule, two planes vill take off simultaneously from opposite sides of the Atlantic, an Imperial Airways "pick-a-back" from Ireland, a Pan-American Airways

#### Sweep Takes Million | Chinese Trade Shows Decline Of Canada's Money

Reaction of War-Jap and For Perchases For Irish Hospital Draw eign Companies Are Affected

> Business reports from Shanghai last week emphasized the cumulative repercussions of the undeclared war ipon Chinese trade as Japanese continued their push in Shantung Province toward the Lunghai railway.

The figure was reached as an aver-Foreign firms' trade had slumped age of four estimates based on the sharply. Japanese business in ocassumption that Canadian purchasers cupied areas is reported to be less had the same probability of drawing prize winners as all other purchasers.

These estimates were made of the

than normal. The Timmonsville Leaf Tobacco Company, of Richmond, Va., became the first foreign company to file no-tice of suspension of business in by Canadian horses, horses starting and total prize money. In each case

the amount of prize money going to Canadians was divided by the total China. People Poverty Stricken
Business of most American tobacco companies is described as seriously warehouses, and stocks, inability to trade with the interior, and limiting impaired by destruction of by the central Chinese government of the amount of foreign exchange made

the different methods used in reachvailable to Shanghai.
The oil business also has dwindled and is faced, besides, with a possible The estimate made on consolation prizes gave the total expenditure of Japanese government oil monopoly such as took over the business in Canadians as \$1,973,000, that on horses drawn \$1,130,000, horses starting \$1,

Manchoukuo.

A decline in kerosene consumption throughout the interior was attributed to the poverty-stricken condition of farmers, many of whose homes and crops have been destroyed.

### a heavy increase in Canadian purchase of Grand National tickets over those A Rare Disease

Is Thrown Into Coma For Two Weeks After Contact With Rodent

DETROIT.—Ill five weeks through contamination by a rat, Samuel Tushman. 32. local poultry dealer, is recovering from a disease of which not more than a dozen cases have been reported in the United States. The malady is known as Weil's disease, or

infectious jaundice.

Tushman said he contracted the It's not very big, but it has its own disease after stumbling over a rat in his shop. He believed that the poi-Post Office and store. Its dozen or so houses were built for employees on a son either seeped through his shoes, huge reservoir scheme which is now which were wet, or he was poisoned when he touched the boot with his And in case you ask who wants to hands. He was in a coma for two buy a town, anyway, there is keen

weeks. Dr. Henry F. Vaughan, Detroit Health Commissioner, said that the disease was carried by a minute or-ganism called "leptospira," which may be carried by rodents or other ani-mals or may be found in water or playgrounds. The disease, he said, is usually mild. Only one other case has been reported in the city's medical

Chinese pigtails are being used in making textiles in Bradford, Eng-

A Delightful Surprise for London (England) Couple



It isn't every British subject who finds his King and Queen at the door in answer to a knock. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Whitaker, old age pensioners (at the right) had that delightful and surprising experience in their London flat, March 29, just as they were preparing for tea. At the left, the King and Queen, during the teatime chat.

per Setting

The head of the house, weary after

a season of coal stoking, can look for-ward to another winter when he

on't have to fire the furnace more

than once a fortnight, the Mellon In

stitute reported this week at Pitts-

Dr. E. R. Weidlein, director, at the

end of the Institute's first year in its spacious \$6,000,000 home, told trus-

ees of the development of anthracite

heating equipment that operates "for eeks at a time" without attention.

He told, too, how 218 scientists had

spent \$1,962,830 in the year on scien-

tific research on things ranging from

Pointing to the possibilities of com-pining heating plants with other cousehold utilities, and of using base-

ents for recreation and other pur

Installations of anthracite heating

equipment are now operating for weeks at a time, without any attention

whatever to the fuel supply, ash re-

Sir Ernest MacMillan, Well-known

Canadian Authority On Music,

noval, or damper settings."

shirt coliars to dish washing.

### South America Progressing Australia Plans Research Con More Rapidly Than North

In Some Respects, Says Senator New Coal Furnace
Webster, Who Declares That Interest In the Southern Continent Is Growing Day By Day

The importance of the nations of he South American continent is toay being increasingly recognized by European powers and by the United States, Senator Lorne C. Webster said at Montreal last week in recount ing the impressions made on him by 60-day 15,000 mile visit to that continent.

The unsettled European situation is largely responsible for this new at tention to South America, Senator Webster believes; the new attention being exemplified by German, Italian and more recently British radio broadcasts directed at South American listeners. Everywhere in South America representatives of the us world powers are engaged in fostering closer commercial and political ntercourse with that continent. Thoroughly - Modern

some respects, the Senato found, South America has passed North America in development. For South America has a regular Trans-Atlantic airplane service, rying passengers, mail and perishable express. Some of the universities of South America ante-date North Amer ican institutions as McGill and Har vard by as much as a hundred years Good roads are much in evidence throughout the continent, and thor oughly modern motor cars, railways radios, moving pictures, etc., are to b

ound.
"Much of the South American na tive population is being Anglicized by movies made in the United States and Britain," Senator Webster vealed, "with the younger generation learning the language quite well by

The Younger Generation "The same younger generation is leveloping an intense nationalistic spirit, a spirit very much in evidence in other parts of the world," the sena-tor found, "and young leaders are rising rapidly through the continent."

The colorful historical background of South America, and the tractions it has to offer, give it great potentialities as a tourist mecca, according to the Senator. "Names like Morgan, Raleigh and Captain Kidd, Drake and the Spanish Main, are brought vividly to mind by South America," he said, "and their association with the lands visited lends a distinct fascination."

#### The BOOK SHELF By ELIZABETH EEDY

MURDER ON SAFARI, by Elspeth

Huxley.

A new type of murder story came into being last autumn with the pub lication of Elspeth Huxley's "Murder at Government House," which was at once a satire on high official life in

der on Safari."

Vachell, the Canadian sleuth who tracked down the killer of Chania's Governor, is back, too, with some even stranger problems to solve. Can a herd of buffaloes prove the alibi of Rutley, Lady Baradate's conceited chauffeur? Why did the elephants take alarm and move mysteriously away? Who put walnuts on the imvised coffin containing the remains of Lady Baradale? Then there's the imself as bait,

The characterization, the witty from the first page to the last, and people ask why seat sales should not vividly re-create, from the writer's first-hand knowledge, the sights, sounds and smells of the African

wilds in which the scene is set. Murder on Safari, by Elspeth Huxley, pub. by Reginald Saunders, To ronto. \$2.

## Research Course

Institutions On Aeronautics to Cost Million Dollars

Hon. R. G. Casey, federal treasurer, has announced Australia will set up aeronautical and engineering research Runs For Weeks institutions at a capital cost of \$1,-The establishments will be based

Without Attention to Fuel Sup-ply, Ash Removal or Damon recommendations contained in a report by H. E. Wimperis, former diector of the British Air Ministry at Farnborough.

Mr. Casey said the Wimperis report directed attention to the need for creating a chair and department of aeronautics, with a reader in meteor ology, at one of the universities. This would ensure a supply of aeronautical engineers for military and civil avia-

Experimental Work

An establishment equipped for ex perimental work in wind-tunnels for engine tests, and for the physical tests of aircraft instruments and other ap paratus, would cost \$572,000 with an annual maintenance cost of about \$50, 000, Mr. Casey estimated.
In addition, capital cost of building

and equipment for a national refer ence standards laboratory at Canberra would be \$320,000, with a maintenance cest of roughly \$40,000.

Poor Things Some girls marry and have nothing but their husbands 's show for it.-Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph.

### News In Review

Maintains It Is Important Also For Moulding Public Opinion. Fear War With Russia Without a nationally controlled and

NATIONALLY CONTROLLED RADIO

AIDS CULTURAL INDEPENDENCE

wned system of broadcasting it would e difficult to maintain Canadian political and cultural independence said Sir Ernest MacMillan, Dean of the Faculty of Music in Toronto University, in addressing the Canadian Club of Montreal last week on "Problems of Music In Canada."

Sir Ernest, the noted conductor of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, had igh praise for the Caradian Broadcasting Corporation who, he pointed out, were faced with many grave diffi-culties. "The C.B.C. is not without its ttackers," he said. "Nevertheless wo are witnessing a real effort to keep Canadian performances of good quality on the air and as the equipment comes more complete a greater pro portion of revenue will be available for programs."

Geographical Difficulties Canada's geographical difficulties were nowhere in greater evidence than in regard to broadcasting, said Sir Ernest who added that the primary difficulty was the meagre popula tion spread thinly out over a distance of 3,000 or more miles. Line charges as a result, were out of all proportion to the revenue and far too little money had been available heretofore for pro

grams. Broadcasting, said the visitor, was chania colony and a cracking good thriller. All-round fun. Now Mrs. the moulding of public opinion, and Huxley has done it again with "Mur-Canadians must guard against this in Criduality being swamped by out

Value of Music Sir Ernest MacMillan broadly deals with the problem of awakening the public conscience to the value of music in the national life. Well-sup norted institutions of music were necessary, of a national character comparable to those which had for tered the musical life of other lands. Financial backing was needed. "Conthrilling climax, in which Vachell sidering the extraordinary things on sets a trap for the murderer with which the public spend their money they might well spend a little more on music." Public art galleries, lib style and the swift-moving action of the plot grip the reader's interest ed to pay their way; why then should

pay for an operatic concert. The interest which had been in creasing in music during the past few years-due to the radio-was not only widespread, but to a considerable de gree intelligent, Sir Ernest said at the outset.

vith Soviet Russia is increasingly claiming the attention of Japanese aders and the public.

Persistent rumors of preparations lacking official confirmation - and bellicose statements on both sides have intensified public anxiety.

In informed quarters it was understood Japan recently moved regular army units from China battlefronts to Manchoukuo to man the bor der of Manchoukuo and Soviet Siberia.

Chinese Prepare Push SHANGHAL — Chinese said this week they were preparing a gigantic drive toward the Yangtse River in an effort to retake Nanking, the capital they lost to the Japanese Dec. 11. New victories along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and Taierchwang fronts were seen by the Chinese as

an inspiration for the new offensive. strong Chinese force along the Tientsin-Pukow line was reported eady to strike out toward Pengpu bout 100 miles north of Nanking.

Consider Next Move
BERLIN.—Chancellor Hitler's next step was debated this week in the wake of the greatest vote of confience ever accorded him.

His creation of a greater German by annexation of Austria March 13 drew the approval of more than 99 per cent. of the nearly 50,000,000 persons who voted in the April 10 plebis

Germans speculated whether he rould be inspired to take rapid action on other Nazi "unfinished" business.

Would Spend \$5,000,000,000 More
WASHINGTON. — A potential \$5.000,000,000 program of spending-for-

ecovery took more definite form this week when President Roosevelt and is advisers agreed to ask the United States Congress for increased relief appropriations. They also canvassed the possibilities

of broadening the Federal Government's present housing activities, such as the United States Housing Authority's program of clearing slums and building homes for low income

Sent Down For Five Years NEW YORK. — Richard Whitney bankrupt broker and former president

### VOICE

**CANADA** THE EMPIRE

THE WORLD AT LARGE

PRESS

THE EMPIRE

Inconsistency
The whole of Hungary's agricultural labor market has been disorganiz-

ed. Why? Because Germany has engaged 20,000 Hungarian agricul-

#### CANADA

Morning's the Time
A watch that is wound in the morning will last longer. The tight-ly wound main spring will stand the shocks and jars of day better than a loose main spring. For the same reason people are fresher and do bet-ter work in the mornings. By night they get run down.—Windsor Star.

Better Be Careful

Dr. W. T. Crombie, Superintendent of Queen Alexandra Sanitarium, London, Ontario. and noted authority on tuberculosis, has an unpleas ant thought for us. If proper tests were taken, he asserts half of the population of Canada would be shown to have tuberculosis. Not that they should be in sanitaria, decidedly not, but they should protect themselves against care and overwork lest they find themselves there. — Canadian Magazine.

A Big Attraction
Every effort must be put forth by
the authorities at Queen's Park to
conserve and increase the game fish and wild life in general in this province. That the great Northern Ontario playgrounds and fisherman's paradise are the main attractions to American tourists who left something like \$295,000.000 in this province in 1937, is evidenced in the constant stream of inquiries flowing into the Canadian Travel Bureau each spring. -Guelph Mercury.

Canada's War Debt

As shown by the Canada Year Book the war and demobilization expenditures of Canada up to and including the fiscal year 1920 totalled \$1,670,406,236. In the next three years, 1921-23, there were further expenditures of \$23,000,000 odd and ince then there have been additional small items chargeable to war. These figures apply only to actual war expenditures. To get the cost of the war there would have to be added to them the large, continuing, outlays for pensions. From 1914 to 1920 the gross debt of Canada rose steeply from \$544,391,369 to \$3,041.529,578. This enormous increase was chiefly but not entirely due to the war expenditures.—Kingston

Those Royal Commissions
The Ottawa Journal laments the now familiar orgy of royal commis-sions which has marked our Canadian political scene in the past few

But it is a splendid way for a gov ernment to skate around responsibility; it is assumed that by appointing a commission they have "done some-

thing about it." The list of commissions in the past few years would be an impressive Whether the price of clearing the air in some cases was worth the cost is an open question. Yet one might well wonder where the responsibility of politicians in action begins and where it ends-or if the royal commission is going to become a con-venient vehicle for holding electoral upport .- Hamilton Spectator.

### To Stop Avalanches

By planting thousands of alder oushes on the upper slopes of the Alps, the Swiss Government hope to

These tremendous falls of snow which rush down the mountain sides at express speed, have caused heavy loss of life and great damage to pro perty in years gone by. The object of planting the bushes is to hold the snows in the upper Alps and so check the first movement which gathers force as it rushes downwards.

of the New York Stock Exchange, was sentenced last week to serve from five to ten years in prison for grand

Whitney, whose brokerage firm, Richard Whitney & Company, failed on March 8, had pleaded guilty to two indictments charging first degree grand larceny in the misuse of securties entrusted to his care by the New York Yacht Club and members of his

"Crime Wave" In Ontario TORONTO.—The epidemic of crim hich has been sweeping many parts due partly to the season of the year. but, as far as Toronto is concerned, Chief Constable D. C. Draper, while admitting there is considerable crim-inal activity, does not believe it constitutes a crime wave. In the past few weeks violence has

flared in many rural areas. There were shootings, hold-ups, break-ins and at least one murder. In Toronto the lawlessness took the form, for the most part, of shopbreaking.

Counterfeiters Arrested

HAMILTON. — Plaster moulds, ladles and other tools together with 25 and 50-cent coins, some of which were unfinished, were selzed by police this last week when a Britannia Ave. house was raided following arrest in Oakville of Ernest Mobbs. Britannia Ave., aged 27 years, and James Mobbs Toronto, 25 years of age, brothers, on charge of possessing and passing ounterfeit coins.

tural laborers for work in East Prus Yet Germany still keeps up her de mands for colonies, saying that she needs to find an outlet for her sur-

olus population. — London Sunday

"It Has No Parallel"

Those in Canada who cherish the freedom of speech, writing, and pub-lic meeting guaranteed by the Constitution are much concerned at the "Padlock" Act recently passed in Quebec. The measure has no paral-lel in a British Dominion. One clause declares it to be illegal for any house to be used to "propogate communism of bolshevism by any means whatsoever," though it is to be noted that in no part of the Act is any attempt made to define these perany attempt made to define the per-nicious doctrines . . Among elemen-tary principles of British constitu-tional government are freedom of speech, of the press, and of public meeting, subject to the limitations of the criminal law; the right of a man to a fair trial in open court if charged with an effence; and the freedom of the home from arbitrary search. All of these are violated by the new Act, and the anxiety of lib-eral opinion throughout Canada at he reactionary nature of the measure

### Expert Visions "Flivver" Plane

Guardian.

Forecasts Mass Production of Airplanes for Private Owners'

Dr. Alexander Klemin, head of New York University's school of ae-ronautics, this week forecast mass production of "flivver" airplanes within five years which would incorporate revolutionary safety devices

for the private owner.

In an article in the "Quadrangle" indergraduate publication, Dr. Klemin said developments making for greater safety would include an abo-lition of rudders to simplify operation, improved air brakes and devices to make "stalling" and "spinning"

mpossible.

The prices of the "flivvers", he added, would be down to those of popular automobiles. Vehicles may be made, he said, which could be used either as airplanes or automobiles.

Tricycle Landing Gear He characterized as the most promising safety development the tri-cycle landing gear which simplifies anding. Another encouraging factor n modern light plane design is the elimination of rudders, inasmuch as the novice pilot has a hard time coordinating his hands and feet in using ailerons, elevators and rudder,

Dr. Klemin found. Lateral control. as in some pres-ent day experimental types of planes, would be achieved by aileron opera-

The service costs of the "flivver," the article concluded, would be no greater than on the average automo-bile, and hangar rent would approximate garage rent.

### Says Stratosphere Has Possibilities

farnessing and Storing of Atomic Energy Are Among Them

The great potentialities to be de-ived from the exploration of the stratosphere, among which the harnessing and storing of atomic energy was, perhaps, the most important. liscussed by Squadron Leader John . Sully, until recently commanding officer of an R.C.A.F. squadron at Winnipeg, in addressing the Kiwanis Club of Montreal last week. The speaker expressed the view that the conquest of the stratosphere was but matter of time.

Purposes of the explorations being

made in the stratosphere, said Squad-ron Leader Scully, were many. Scientists were trying to discover what the changes in air pressure and temperatures were at that level in com-parison with sea level, and what was he wind speed, believed to blow steadily from the east. Efforts also were directed to finding out what the elecrical conductivity of the air at stratsphere height was for broadcasting purposes and for the navigation of air machines.

Would Revolutionize Industry The explorers also were interested

in discovering all they could about the sheet of ozone which was supposed to envelop the earth at a great height and which stops or "dampens" the ultra short-waves which scientists say would otherwise destroy all life on earth. The effect of the rarefied air of the stratosphere on radio signals was another problem waiting

"Most important consideration of all, however," the speaker said, "was that the discovery of how to harness and store atomic energy would completely revolutionize industry, and would probably be the salvation of civilization when the earth's present stock of coal and oil came to an end."