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

DEMOCRACY ON THE SPOT: Covernment of British Columbia is Instead of planning to march in and take over Czechoslovakia wholesale, at a single "coup", as he did Austria, Adolf Hitler is in the pres ent case using other methods which are calculated either to cause Czech oslovakia to blow up from the in side, or to give Hitler reason for coming to the "aid" of the German minority inside "Central Europe's bulwark of democracy."

The campaign being waged is a cruel affair. Here in one of Eureruel affair. Here in one of Europe's happiest, best run, most efficient countries, internal dissension
is being stirred up, brother turned
ngainst brother. Konrad Henlein,
leader of the Sudeten Germans, a party in the Czech parliament, takes his orders direct from Hitler, makes most unreasenable and uncalled-for demands on the Premier of his owr country, insists that Czechoslovakie abandon democracy and become part of the "true Fatherland, Greater Germany." It is predicted that early in June, Henlein will demand that the Germans in Czechoslovakia be remitted a plebiscite, expressing whether they desire to remain where they are or join Greater Germany. About that time, or even a little sooner, the crisis is likely to come to

(How would we Canadians like it should the French Government stir up all sorts of trouble in Quebec and cause our French-Canadians to demand a plebiscite: "Shall we stay with Canada or become part of

France?")
Crecheslovakia has allies, pledged to come to her aid—France and Russia. But now France is tied up in the new Anglo-French military nillance which does not guarantee Britain's help should France choose to aid Czechoslovakio. In fact, Britcia is already telling the Czech Premier that his concessions to Germany are not good enough, that he must give in to Hitler still further. Czechoslovakia is in ah intolerably difficult situation. Democracy has never in the history of modern times

been put on so bad a spot. SPEED AT CROSSINGS: A statistical survey made by the Motor Vehicles Branch of the Provincial Government reveals that most accidents in Ontario occur at intersec tions when experienced drivers are at the wheels of cars, in good condition, in broad daylight. Too much speed is said to be responsiblespeed greater than the traffic or roze conditions warrant. Nuff said.

HIGHWAY TO ALASKA: Being pushed at this time by the Government of the United States and the dian credit.

A Jingling Ball

learning to play baseball - sound

The game devised by Superintedne

A regular indoor baseball diamond

cher, who usually has partial vision.

nalled by three buzzes and a bell.

Three Provinces

the Liberal administration of Premier

Hepburn closing stately Chorley Park.

moved from Alberta's Government

House at Edmonton at the end of the

month of April but whether the estab-

lishment will be sold remains unde

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sea animal was found in Ragusa, Si-

played it recently while visiting Johann aburg, South Africa.

cily, by Richard Hunter, who

Lieutenant-Governor J. C. Bowen

state regidences.

Play Baseball

a proposed "five-nation" highway to Alaska, from Mexico, through the U. S., British Columbia and the Yu-kon territory. Prenier Pattullo, of British Columbia, wa in Washing-ton last month conferring on the matter, and now the U.S. House of Representatives has passed and sent to the Senate a bill authorizing the President to appoint a five-man Commission which would negotiate with representatives of the Dominion Government.

The building of such a highway would open up a whole new territory for tourist development in Canada and tap untold sources of revenue (which we badly need). Incidentally its value as a "military road" is selfapparent.

AFRICAN OPENING: Italy is eyeing South Africa as a possible field for new trade developments. Prospects there are indeed inviting from the Italian point of view. Sale of coffee, cement and other goods from Italian East Africa to Union of South Africa would pay for the purchase of South African ment for consumption in Ethiopia, and for raw materials to be used by Italian industries at home.

WHAT CAROL'S AFTER: Dictator King Carol of Rumania is working up to something down there in his corner of Europe. After all resistance at home has been crushed (of the peasants, of the "Iron Guard"), observers tell us that he is likely to make a go for Hungary. swallow it up, with the connivance of Poland, eventually create a Bal-tic-Black Sea axis favorable to the

try rich, rich in natural resources mismanagement of funds, and political graft. Just now the government owes France a great deal of money.

BLOWS TO PRESTIGE: Hon. H. H. Stevens, Reconstructionist member in the House of Commons, de-clares that Dominion prestige and Dominion credit have been dealt sev ere blows during the past year. Referring to the Dominion Govern ment bond issue which went on the London market three months ago and hung fire for a week or ten days, he declares that the defaulting of Mooseiaw on some bonds just previously, was respectible, together with the loss in credit of certain of our provinces. Each new default places an even heavier burden on of a modern Japanese army.
the Dominion, detracts from Cana-Now, Chinese declared they the Dominion, detracts from Cana-

Canada Undergoing Very Difficult Period By Listening

Governor of Bank of Canada Says Blind In California Institution Use This Is No Longer a Pioneer Country

Blind men at the Industrial Home Canadians are passing through "a difficult stage," Graham F. Towers. for Adult Blind at Oakland, Cal., are vernor of the Bank of Canada, said lights. an address at Toronto last week. Robert V. Chandler, is baseball with a jingle, a buzzer and a bell, but it's Canada no longer is a pioneer cour try, Mr. Towers told the annual din-ner of the St. Andrews' College Old Boys' Association. It had changed to a stage of more moderate developmen equipped with yard-square bases and yard-wide carpeted base lines is the playing field. Equipment consists of which may not warrant large capital expenditures on the scale of the past. There was likely to be considerable difficulty in governing the Dominion

an indoor baseball with a jingling core a hockey stick for a bat, buzzers and which has increased its social re Ten players constitute a team. Nine sponsibilities, he said. Canadians had that is mentioned in not yet developed the experience of from the signatories. of them line up on hands and knees back of the base lines between first administering their affairs under these and third. The tenth man is the catconditions. Function of Central Bank

The pitcher really doesn't count. He central banking, Mr. Towers said the first responsibility of pitches for both teams. He rolls the the central bank is to decide the amount of cash needed in the country. ball to home plate and the batter, who is guided only by the sound of the jingling core, swats it.
The fielders hear the ball coming The amount of the cash reserves of the commercial banks," he said, "is determined down to the last dollar by and the one nearest usually grabs i and rolls it toward the base for which the runner is headed. The ball must the action of the Bank of Canada." The commercial banks, in turn, detercross the runner's path to put him out. Buzzers and bells indicate the posi mined the volume of credit available.

"There is no book which one can

tion of the runner. A home run is siz open which will tell just what action is appropriate at the given moment. Mr. Towers continued. Central bank policy in governing credit conditions depended upon study of the volume of ousiness and many other factors. He added: "It has always been a mistake Lack Residences in recent years to say that a central bank was not necessary in Canada.

For Their Lieutenant - Governo No Official Home Is Sup-May Make Park plied, At The Moment Of Huge Marsh Three Canadian provinces sie with-

out official homes for ti . Lieutenant Covernors starting May 1st, when Al-Would Turn Swamp Land Near berta joined New Brunswick and Ont Orangeville Into Game

arlo in discontinuing the maintenance Sanctuary of the residence of the King's represociative in the province. The other The Luther Marsh, near Orangesiz provinces, however, still have the

ville, a vast stretch of 10,000 acres, may be transformed from a wet, deso-An economy move in 1880 led New late area into a provincial park and Ramswick to sell its Government game sanctuary, if plans of leading House to the Dominion. Now it is used by the Royal Canadian Mounted Pol citizens and organizations are adopted by the government.

The marsh is regarded as the most ics. Economy also was responsible for

important locality in the watershed of the Grand River from the standpoint of water conservation.

Ten Miles Long.

Recently a proposal to turn it into a provincial park was made by the federation of naturalists. The marsh is 10 miles long and in some places wo miles wide. It straddles the town line between East and West Luther for approximately six miles. It con-

tains peat to a depth of 15 feet. A-C

Modern Civilization Reaches Old India



The Indian population of Bombay, India, has adopted at least one of the modern weapons of civilization as it is practiced in the enlightened West. This girl picket is urging a strike!

Analgesia Is Key To Dental Health

State Of Semi-Coma Induced By Gas Combination

Analgesia, a semi-coma, was des-cribed at the 68th annual convention of the New Jersey State Dental Association as the key to future dental health.

Dr. James F. Henegan, of New York, said "laughing gas." nitrous oxide and pure oxygen brought about analgesia, giving the patient a tingling scusation which compares to an arm or a leg "going to sleep". The gas has been useful in ridding

John Gunther's "Inside Europe" children of their natural fear of dentists. Dr. Henegan said. He told of keeping patients under analgesia from three to seven hours while clean whose finances are bled white by ing and filling six cavities, without ill effects.

> American tourists are reported to have spent an average of \$5.75 in Switzerland in 1937.

News In Review

Japanese Offensive Collapsing SHANGHAI.—Chinese sent word this week-end that the second Japan ese offensive in Southern Shantung Province, pivotal front of the war, was

on the verge of collapse. Crushing of the first drive last month was the most disastrous defeat

ready to send \$00,000 troops against the reinforced Japanese legions which hey say, are wearied to exhaustion and again running short of munitions

Axis Appears Solid ROME.—Amid the memories of the wo great dictatorships of the past in the Rome of the Caesars and of the medieval Popes, the two outstanding dictators of our own time met this week to demonstrate their unity of purpose in building for their people new empires, each according to his

Will Benefit Canada

DUBLIN.—All trade advantages given to the United Kingdom in the Eire narket under the recent agreement are also extended to Canada, accord ing to the text of the "agreement with the United Kingdom" issued

Canada is the only member of the British Commonwealth of Nations that is mentioned in the bill, apart

Demand Bishop Resign tional Socialist Covernor of Wuert temberg, Wilhelm Murr, has publicly demanded the resignation of Bishop Johann Baptist Sproll of Rottenburg head of the Catholic Church in Wuert temberg, because he failed to vote in the Anschluss plebiscite and Reichs tag elections. The demand appears in the local party organ, National Soci

France Increases Defenses PARIS.-France this week met ew show of Italian-German solidarity by ordering a bigger army, navy and ir force.

dist Kurier.

The National Defense Cabinet, head ed by Premier Daladier, geared the wheels of French economy and finance to a bigger and stronger war machinby decrees issued just as Adolf Hitler approached Rome for a visit to Prenier Mussolini.

King Opens Exhibition GLASGOW.—The great Empire Ex-hibition, termed by the King 'a hallmark of a great Commonwealth of Na ions," was opened by His Majesty

Cheering throngs, exceeding 100. 000, assembled in Ibrox Stadium, ac claimed the King and Queen as they arrived in an open landau. The Em pire in miniature was depicted in a stately, modernistic group of build-ings in Bellahouston Park, with the high shaft of Empire towering over the scene.

Pump-Priming in Britain LONDON.—Britain already is lay ng plans for future pump-priming, Sin Kingsley Wood, Minister of Health, revealed last week when speaking a luncheon celebrating the Manchester

centenary. His department is asking local authorities to prepare plans for five years ahead in order that the program of public works may proceed as rapidly as possible when once started, Sir Kingsley said.

Canada's Flax Industry Gains In Importance

Growers Expect Increase in Business As Canada Receives More Consideration on European Burglar Is Ca Markets—Prices Have Risen the Past Few Years.

In 1915 flax fire soll for 90 cents a pound and the price of fibre flax seed was \$3.00 a bushel. The high price of fibre was directly due to the excessive war-time demands at that time. In the period from 1917 to 1918 the price of fibre flax reached an all-time high, going from 90 cents to \$1.25 a round. In sympathy with this sensational increase the price of fibre flax seed jumped from \$5.00 to \$2.00 a bushel. Flattened Out After War

After the war (1914-18), the price of fibre dropped to an all-time low of 15 cents a pound and the seed prices tumbled from \$9.00 to \$2.00 a bushel. During the interval of the 1927 to 1937 period the price of fibre flax seed rose from \$2.00 to \$6.25 a bushel. This encouraging rise in price level was in no small way due to the introduction of pedigreed varieties of fibre flax. These special vareties were imported from the North of Ireland through the co-operation of the Ministry of Agriculture in Ireland and the Fibre Division of the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa

However, from 1935 to 1937 flax fibre prices have slowly risen to about 13 cents a pound for the best grade and quality. The introduction of mechanical flax pullers and turbine scutching machines by the Do-minion Government in 1937 has lent new stimulus to Canadian flax pro-duction. The flax acreage has advanced from a little over 6,000 acres in 1923 to 7,900 in 1937, with a further increase of 2,000 acres expect ed in 1938.

Less Competition Future prospects for fibre devel-opment in Canada are encouraging, because Canada may secure more consideration on the European markets. Russia is exporting less and less fibre each year to Ireland on account of the fact that she requires : much larger amount for her own spinning factories which she has been developing these past few years. In addition to this, Canadian flax growers are better organized to handle the expected increase in busi ness than they have ever been, also Scottish and Irish buyers are beginning to look to Canada for a large portion of their future supplies.

Twenty-Two Million Bees Are Imported

Huge shipment Will Weigh 221/2 Tons; Hitch-Hiking Bees Join In Big Parade.

EDMONTON. — Approximately 22,500,000 Italian bees along with a few hundred thousand hitch-hikers will emigrate to Alberta this spring The Italian bees, which will settle down in various parts of the province, are the type most highly fav-ored by bee-keepers through North America because of their hardiness and neat housekeeping. They come to Alberta from California.

S. O. Hillerud, Alberta's chief apiarist, estimates the 22,500,000 bees will weigh about 22 1-2 tons The hitchhikers of course, will make the total immigration higher than

that. In Screened Cages When the bees start out from California, Mr. Hillerud said, they are packed in screened cages. The queens and the drones and the work ers all get the same class of trans

portation. As the trucks, their heat careful ly regulated en route, travel along hundreds of thousands of the hitch hiking bees fasten themselves to the sides of the cages. The ones inside feed them just as generously as they feed themselves.
"The hitchhikers are not even

necessarily of the same race as the bees inside the screens — they get feed anyway," Mr. Hillerud said. Italians were not introduced to

America until 50 or 60 years ago. Before that the most popular genius was the German black bee. But in one year 50,000 colonies of black bees in New York state were wiped out by a disease which seldom hits the Italians because the Italians are better housekeepers.

Burglar Is Caught

MONTREAL.-Arthur Mah r, 22, sat in the cigar shop and waited for police to come. He had to.

Maher explained it all when he pleaded guilty before Judge Jules cigar store and removing \$59 from he cash register. It was easy enough to slide in through a transom, he said, but exit was impossible becaus the transom jammed half-way.

Pantamime attendance records it London were broken when "Beauty and the Beast" completed a run of three months recently.

The BOOK SHELF By ELIZABETH EEDY

"Here Are My Lectures And Sto

ies" — By Stephen Leacock.

"A year ago," says Mr. Leacock, spoofingly, "I retired from college lecturing, at the urgent request of the college trustees, who were ver grim about it. Now, at the request of innumerable friends all over the country, I am retiring from lecturing on the public platform as a humor ist." Here in one book are the funny speeches and some other miscellaneous items from the lunacy of Leacock, Canada's premier humorist.

Elsewhere Mr. Leacock has spok of his excruciating experiences while lecturing; here you get the lectures themselves, and quite a feast they make for those who hav followed his written word for lo these many years. The lectures are more serious, at least in spots, than ome of us had been imagining "How Soon Can We Start The Next War?" for instance, turns out to be a timely oration full of sound sense mounting almost to one of those talks for serious listeners-in on the Lunatic But Happy

Our lecturer is happiest, perhaps in his talks to college audiences such as "Recovery After Graduation, Looking Back on College," in quotes Shakespeare

zied Fiction," give Mr. Leacock lots proximately 114,600 Indians resident of leeway to give us scraps of bur- in this country.—Brantford Expositor. of leeway to give us scraps of burlesque.
You can't tell exactly how Mr

Leacock feels about life at this point, of course. In the final piece in his lecture volume he's a trifle pesimistic about retired professors who think they are going to complete their great masterpieces now that the hustle and bustle is o'er. Her is his last word on that: "When people say to me, "You'll be able now to finish your book on the History of Political Theory," I answer, "To hell with it." ell with it'."

"Here Are My Lectures and Stor ies," by Stephen Leacock, 251 pp., \$2. McLelland and Stewart, Limited, Toronto.

Fisherman's Knife Kills Huge Shark

Creature Long Hunted As Destroye of Nets

SOUTHAMPTON, England. -30-foot "sea gangster"—a sl:arl with a mouth as big as an automobile wheel-has been killed with a pocke knife by a fisherman in Weymoutl

The huge two-ton shark had beer wrecking fishermen's nets for more than three years and eluding hunting parties armed with rifles an harpoons.
Last week the big fish came snared

in a net near shore and was pulled installed, showing approximately 10 gently toward the beach. Frederick per cent. of her population benefits Farn, a fisherman, jumped into the water and repeatedly stabbed the United States is the only country shark which lashed the water into showing a larger number of telefoam with his five-foot tail. The battle lasted 30 minutes and ended with the shark dead and Farn exhausted

Soot falling on London in the last men use the long distance service year is estimated to have weighed more frequently during business hours.

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AT LARGE

Our German Minority. Any day now Canada may expect to be faced by a demand from Hitler that we cease oppressing the German minority within our borders or else .-Stratford Beacon-Hreald.

Not Perceptibly Sweeter The world is reported to have con sumed more sugar last year than ever before. But it does not seem to have

sweetened international relationships in perceptible degree.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

Service to the Community
A single grain of sand is almost finitesimal, yet every grain counts in forming the far-flung shores of the sea. Similarly every individual wh. is honest, industrious, and imbred. The the spirit of service is an influence of real worth in any community.—Kitch-ener Record.

Getting Lots of Help One result of the Rowell Commis-sion has been the excellent work done on its behalf by private and public cr-ganizations. Through it, citizens in most parts of Canada have had an opportunity to study and probe the fundamentals of governmental expenditure and operation. These studies in themselves should reap rich rewards Desmarais last week on a charge of in a better understanding of public breaking into a St. Catherine street questions, quite apart from the delib erations of the Commissioners them selves.—Financial Post.

Smoke in the Hills

The weather grows warmer and No va Scotians are beginning to enjoy the best of the Spring season. Angler are going to the lakes and rivers and others are taking to the open road for a change of scene and air. It is a pleasant season. The stn begins to give some warmth, signs of life are on every hand, and the whole world is filled with anticipation of growth and bloom. The countryside has a beauty peculiar to the season. Sturdy horses draw ploughs through the rich earth and blue smoke curls up from the hills as men of the soil clear their land of brush.-Halifax Chronicle.

Sick Motor Cars

Tre Safety League is on safe ground when it insists that all used cars should be examined for mechanical defects before they are resold. If they were, many of the death-traps to be seen on the highways would be on the junk-heap. Pending a general examination of motor vehicles, drastic at tention should be paid to those that seem to be falling to pieces. These are a menace and should be speedily removed. Special care should be exer cised toward making sure that permanently diseased cars, made tempor arily convalescent with a paint brush and a monkey-wrench, are kept off the highways .- St. Thomas Times-Journa

Indian Not Vanishing
They used to refer to the Indian as the "Vanishing American," but the figures refute the theory entirely. Indian, far from vanishing, is increas ing in numbers, in Canada at any rate so the picturesque and pathetic title no longer holds. Indian population figures in this Do

minion have varied somewhat in the last few years. The Red Man did, ndeed appear to be declining numer ically in 1924, when a census showed which he mulls delightfully over the that the Indians of Canada numbered dear old campus scenes, gayly mis- only 104,000, as compared with 110,000 in 1907. But latest returns issued by "What I Don't Know About the the Department of Mines and Re-" and three lectures on "Fren- sources show that there are nov

Canadians Keep Talkative Title

Are Still Werld's Champion Talkers By Telephone And Otherwise

Canadians are the most talkative canadians are the most tankere people in the world and they are get-ting even more so. / Apart altogether from the wordy briefs presented to Royal Commis-sions and the 4,000,000 to 6,000,000

words spoken in the House of Commons each session, telephone statistics award loquacious laurels to Canadians.

Telephone conversations per capita during 1935 in Canada numbered 210.8 compared with 197 in the Unit-ed States, 173.9 in Denmark and 152.2 in Sweden, the next highest countries. Still on the increase, Canadian calls were 222 a persor in 1936, latest year reported.

n 1876, Canada retains the lead in Empire advancement of this instru ment in establishing the longest direct wire voice path of 2,2000 miles

etween Toronto and Calgary, Alta. Canada stands fifth in world comparison with 1,266,228 telephones per cent. of her population benefits by telephonic communication. The phones installed per capita.

Although it is impossible to de termine whether men or women are the greater users of the telephone,

THE EMPIRE

All in the Next Front Line "For 'Barcelona' read 'Battersea' or

'Birmingham,' and one need so no fur-ther than the day's newspaper for a picture of the next war. None will be able to tell when he may be in the front line. Men and women alike will find the menace of death confronting them in aspects more horrible than ever tried the stamina of classic heroism. The King of Terrors, when Hecor and Lysander faced him, was a gentleman in comparison with the shapes in which peril, death, and suf-fering will overhang every English-man's home. The bomb will rain alika on the just and the unjust, the stal-wart and the coward. Tenderness of nerve or conscience will gain no ex-emption. One and all, we shall be faced Ly a menace deeper than has ever darkened the page of history. If it be true that 'all that a man hath will he give for his life, the instinct of self-preservation has never been roused by a such a sammons."-Lonon Observer.

Ghost Frequents Drinking Pool

So Irish Belizve; Several Say They Saw Man Dead Three Centuries

DUNSRIM, County Monaghan, Ireland. — Ghost of a 17th century planter who evicted a poor widow and her eight children from their Dunsrim farm is haunting a drink-

ing pool near here.
That's the story local residents Inats the story local residents
tell, anyway, and they back it up
with vivid descriptions.
Reflection Of His Eyes
The planter, says legend, was
thrown from his horse and found one

night after sunset with his neck broken. The ghost is said to appear after sunset near the spot where the evicted woman and her eight chillren were found dead in the snow. John Francis Smith said he saw "the tall figure of a man, dressed in old-fashioned clothes," as he walked home. The figure knelt at the pool to quench his thirst. "As I watched, spell-bound," said Smith, "I could

clear water: They were like two large red coals." Suddenly the figure disappeared and Smith, who had stood in a trance, began to run. He said as he ran he heard the sound of spurred

ee the reflection of his eyes in the

Patrick Connolly and Miss Ellie Reilly also claim to have seen the ghost. Legend has it the figure still haunts the district to frighten people out of their lands.

Modern 'Pimpernel' Assists Austrians

Wealthy Young Englishman Has Already Succeeded In Getting Fifteen People Out of Nazi-Controlled Country.

Nazi persecution in Vienna has produced a modern "Scarlet Pimpernel"
—a young English nobleman who, like his famous namesake in the days of the French Revolution, has set himself the task of smuggling his friends cut of the city of terror, which the former Austrian capital has become. The risks he runs in tricking the Nazis were described to me, says a by Karl Henneberger, an Austrian now living in London, whose sister he saved from their clutches.

A Mysterious Voice "During the last ten days," he said, I lived in constant fear for the safety of my sister, who could not get out from Austria in time.

All efforts to get in touch with her had failed, when two days ago I received a mysterious telephone message from a caller who refused to give his name.

"He said that my sister was safe and he gave me an address and telephone number in Czechoslovakia where I could telephone her.

"I knew the voice, but when I asked the speaker to tell me his name h rang off. I immediately put in a call to my sister and told her of the mysterious telephone call. She said to me that it was the man who saved her and many others.

Saving Anti-Nazis
"I know of fifteen people whom he has succeeded in getting out from

"It is not only Jews he is saving: there are Catholics and others whose life is not safe for a moment simply 222 Calls Per Person

Birthplace of the telephone, discovered by Alexander Graham Bell in 1876, Canada retains the lead in

Takes His Blaze To Fire Station

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont. - Fire-men of the Main street station rubbed their eyes last week when a truck pulled up in front of the building and the driver called for water. The vehicle, owned by the Niagara Falls Public Welfare Beard, had a ton of paper aboard and it was ablaze. The fire broke out at the title like the way dead to be seen to be seen as the site of the seen and the driver deaded. the city limits and the driver dashed along the Main street business section with his burning load to the fire hall. Damage was estimated at \$25.