News Parade

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

HIDE AND SEEK: His Holiness Pope Pius XI hasn't much liking for Adolf Hitler in view of the persecution that priests of the Catholic Church have undergone in Germany. But when der Fuehrer refused to seek an audience with the Pope on his recent visit to Rome, the displeasure of the Vatican dropped to a new low. To show Adolf Hitler that his latest discoursey had not gone unnoticed, His Holiness closed the Vatican museums during the whole period of Hitler's stay. The instant Hitler said good-bye to Rome, the museums were thrown open again to the public.

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MEDALS OF MERIT: This week at Toronto the Royal Society of Canada is presenting medals of merit to three distinguished Canadians. The awards this year go to Colonel William Wood, of Quebec City, author of many historical volumes, for outstanding work in connection with the history of Canada; Mazo de la Roche, Toronto-born author of the "Jalna" novels, "for accomplishing in imaginative or critical literature some achievement of significance or conspicuous merit"; Dr. W. Lash Miller, Professor of Physical Chemistry at the University of Toronto, "for his pioneer work in several new fields of scientific interest.

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"WE'RE SELFISH UP HERE": The former Australian Trade Minister, Sir Henry Gullett, is criticising Canada's "grave injustice to Australian manufacturers and British exporters." Under the present Australian-Canada tariff agreement, he says, movement of goods between the two Dominions "is amazingly one-sided" and the Australian market and the Australian secondary industries are being thrown open to preferential competition from Canadian manufacturers as well as from the United Kingdom.

The Australian Trade Minister resigned last year because preferential treatment extended to Canada under the Australian - Canada agreement was a "very bad one-sided bargain".

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FORGOTTEN MEN: Names not in the news these days are legion. The daily papers are too busy telling us about the latest war developments, too crowded with stories of munitions contracts being let, to feature Mahatma Ghandi (for instance); the Duke of Windsor (except to mention that his bathtub isn't of 20-carat gold); the Queen of Egypt; Kemal Ataturk (who is doing so much to make a modern country out of Turkey); the Pankhursts; Rev. Israel Noe (who starved himself within an inch of the grave); Aimee Semple Macpherson Hutton. And there are many, many others. Some of them, however, we might cheerfully say, "Good riddance!"

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TWENTY MONTHS TOO LATE: "People who talk of preventing another great war," says Captain B. H. Liddell Hart, one of the world's three of four greatest military experts, "are already twenty months out of date. The second Great War of the twentieth century began in July, 1936, in Spain, following the encouragement and experience which had been gained by Japan in Manchuria and Italy in Abyssinia in defying the League of Nations and developing the new technique of camouflaged war."

Grave words, those, yet they appear to be the truth, nevertheless. It is too late for us to stop what has already been set in motion. We have only the power to check the progress of events which are now in the offing

Continuing, Liddell Hart declares "that we have failed to see this war in progress is due to the fact that we are still thinking politically, whereas the dictator states are thinking militarily."

FARMS IN THE NORTH: Thousands of settle acres in Northern Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba are lying idle, according to Mr. Rene Fellerton, M.P. for Peace River, while thousands of farmers are living in the drought areas of the West at heavy government expense.

Following this statement, Mr. Fellerton makes the sensible suggestion that a scientific survey of the northern sections of the Prairie Provinces be made with a view to directing people from the drought areas on suitable farming land farther north.

There are also vast portions of Northern Ontario that could be utilized for a similar purpose, sections where there is rich, fertile agricultural soil not now in use.

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WHY THE DELAY: Trans-Canada Airlines are having difficulty getting started on its first year's complete air service across the country. They are encountering trouble attributed to the influence of the Winnipeg-Montreal run. Reason for the delay: Planes which the company hoped soon to secure from the manufacturers are reportedly being sold to the Japanese Government who are offering a higher price for the machines.

Canada's Grain Acreage Down

Decline of Over 1,000,000 Sown Bushels Is Indicated

A decrease of nearly 1,450,000 acres in the area sown to Spring grains in Canada in 1938 was indicated by farmers' intentions as of May 1, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics first crop report of the present season states.

The intended area of spring wheat is 24,085,900 acres, compared with 24,851,400 acres sown in 1937 and 26,646,100 acres in the peak year, 1932. The indicated decrease in the spring wheat area from that of last year is 745,000 acres, or three per cent. The principal decrease will occur in Saskatchewan, while increases are indicated in Manitoba and Alberta.

Less Wheat In Manitoba

Durum wheat acreage will be decreased considerably from 2,322,000 acres sown in 1937 to 1,693,000 acres intended for 1938. This decrease will take place mainly in Manitoba where it will be more than offset by an increase in the sowing of non-resistant bread wheats. Oats and barley are also expected to show decreases of three and five per cent. respectively, with the principal reductions occurring in Saskatchewan.

Barley acreage in Ontario will be moderately reduced. Spring rye will show a decrease of 16,600 acres, or nine per cent. and flax-seed a reduction of 48,600 acres or 29 per cent. The area sown to mixed grains will remain normal in Eastern Canada, while showing a moderate reduction in the Western Provinces.

Potato acreage will be reduced in nearly every province to a total level of 20,200 acres or four per cent. less than that of a year ago. If farmers' present intentions are realized.

To Fight Leprosy On World Scale

Firemen Arrive Six Months Late

Plan Includes Drastic Measures—Half the Patients Can Do Normal Day's Work

A plan for eradication of leprosy throughout the world "in a very few generations" by means of segregation and sterilization was outlined recently by Percy Burgess, president of the Leonard Wood Memorial for the Eradication of Leprosy, who has completed a tour of leprosaria in all parts of the world.

The plan, approved by the World Conference on Leprosy, calls for the segregation of lepers in colonies that would be self-supporting by an interchange of goods on a world-wide basis. The lepers would lead a normal life except that those married would be sterilized. Mr. Burgess estimated that 50 per cent of lepers could do a normal day's work.

Of the world's 3,000,000 lepers, two-thirds, he said, were in India and in China.

LAHORE, India.—A house caught alight in a Punjab village.

The owner sent an urgent letter to the State fire brigade, as there was no telephone.

The chief fire brigade officer "acknowledged" the letter and left it over for his successor, as he was shortly going on leave.

The successor arrived five months later, found it was a case for "immediate" attention and forwarded it to the Dewan (minister) "for favor of necessary action".

The Dewan in turn submitted the request to the Ruler for favor of immediate sanction."

The Ruler ordered that the State fire brigade "proceed forthwith to the scene of the occurrence to avoid further damage to the building."

When the fire brigade arrived at the scene of the fire a new building had sprung up in place of the one destroyed six months earlier.

Italy's Propaganda Expense $6,522,400

Teaching Youth in Foreign Lands Fascist Culture Costs That Much Annually

Italy spends 124,000,000 lire ($6,522,400) annually on propaganda of various kinds in foreign countries in an effort to make new converts for fascism and to keep Italians living abroad in closer contact with their homeland, a study of the current financial budget reveals.

Almost half of this money, most of which comes from the budget of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is spent on Italian schools abroad. The Italian Government maintains 138 schools in foreign lands and gives financial assistance to an additional 654.

Schools On This Continent

This alone costs the government $3,600,000 yearly. These schools, which are chiefly established in the United States, South America and France, have a total attendance of 65,000. The pupils are almost exclusively sons and daughters of Italians living abroad and the main aim of these schools is to teach them Italian and get them interested in the new Fascist Italy.

The Fascist party boasts that more than 50,000 Italian boys and girls living in foreign countries are now regularly inscribed in the Balilla organization, recently renamed the "Gioventu del Littorio."

"The deepest need of our generation is a redefinition of success. We are obsessed by the economic aspect of life. It is good to have the things that money will buy, but the most important things are those that money will not buy."—Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick.

Last Free Indians May Take Reserve

Propose to Offer Land and Treaty Money To Tribe

Roaming bands of Indians in the Alberta district of Rocky Mountain House, among the last of the redmen to move to the West without benefit of reserves or treaty money, may get a grant of land for a reserve of their own.

In a pow-wow with Henry Stelfox, Rocky Mountain house representative of the Federal Department of Indian Affairs, the proposal was advanced to the Nomad Indians that they accept treaty money and set up a reserve in the foothills country west of the north Saskatchewan River.

In Roving Bands

The proposed reserve would extend from the Baptiste River north of the Brazeau River and west of the boundary of the Clearwater Forest reserve.

Some years ago these Indians, remnant of a tribe which sought refuge in Canada from the United States years ago, were found to be in great need and arrangements had to be dropped, however, when the Indians refused to give their names as required by the government.

The Indians have not reached any decision and it is not known if any deadline for acceptance of the plan was set. The roving bands, mainly composed of Cree and Chipewyan Indians—gain a living by hunting, cutting brush for farmers and selling beadwork and bukskin work.

South Africa will spend $60,000,000 on its railways.

New Light Switch Made of Mercury

Instead of the Old Snap Kind Now In Use—Is Being Subjected To Harsh Test

Operated by a motor, a new type of switch for controlling lights and other electrical circuits, has been on test for three and a half years. Its mechanism has been rocked back and forth, opening and closing its circuit once every second. By June, the switch will have been operated 140,660,000 miles.

The test is under way in the laboratories of the General Electric Company at Schenectady. If the normal use of such a switch in the home would cause it to be operated three times a day, the test would be equivalent to about 140,000 years of actual usage.

Runs Through Tube

The new switch is designed to replace the familiar snap switch. Its essential part is a tube containing mercury. This tube is tilted up or down to an on or off position. When in the on position the mercury is in the end of the tube through which electrodes project and form a circuit, between them. When it runs to the other end of the tube the circuit is opened.

The tube is filled with hydrogen, which keeps the mercury from oxidizing and coals the arc formed. It is made of a special alloy impervious to hydrogen, as most common metals permit hydrogen to leak through the pores of what appears to be their solid structure.

Cecil Rhodes' birthplace in Bishop's Stortford, England, will be shortly opened as a museum.

Pipers of the Private Army of Atholl Precede Wedding Party

Viscount Fincastle and his bride, the former Pamela Hermon-Hodge, leave St. Margaret's Church, London, following their wedding. Pipers of the private army of the Duke of Atholl, to which family the Viscount is related, precede the wedding party.

Seven Climbing Mount Everest

Expedition Arrives at Base Camp On Tallest Mountain in the World — Pray For Late Monsoon

The leader of the British Mount Everest Expedition has reported his arrival at the base camp, 12 miles away from the tallest mountain in the world. There have been two journeys of reconnaissance. This will be the fifth British attempt to scale, says the New York Times. The seven members of the party have been trained in one of the hardest schools. They know the mountain sickness, "the altitude" sore throat, and the double vision, the sudden temporary blindness, the wastage of muscle, the lightness of the breathlessness, the dilated heart, the lassitude and the physical decline at heights of 21,000 feet or so.

Used To Great Heights

These men are "acclimatized". They are used to great heights, roaring blizzards, avalanches; but with what oxygen apparatus can they be sure of being able to move save at a snail's pace, even to breathe, to see, in the last 1,000 feet, if they reach it? The North Col is more than terrible enough.

The top of Everest is a mile higher. The Seven against Thebes seem like mere crazy braggarts compared with the Seven against Everest. They are prepared for all the dangers in store for them. They know that the season and its overmastering storms will end the short timein which alone their adventure has an opportunity, are capricious visitors.

In 1921 the monsoon broke on Everest on July 7; in 1922 in the first week of June; in 1924 on June 16; in 1933 on May 30; in 1935 on June 6; in 1936 on May 25. Let us hope for a late monsoon. It is with hope and not gloomy forebodings that we think of the Seven. Among well-remembered names in their number we note Odell, who as the height of 26,600 feet was thelast man to see Mallory and Irvine.

About 60 per cent of the rural highway accidents in England and 76 per cent of the non-fatal error on roads having a speed limit of 30 miles an hour.

Out of the profits of its State-controlled football pool company Sweden spent $1,190,000 last year in encouraging sports, athletics and physical training.

News In Review

Two Missionaries Shot

PEIPING. — Death of two British missionaries because Chinese guerilla bands failed to recognize the British flag and took them for Japanese spies occurred here last week.

The victims were Dr. H. G. Wyatt, a physician, and Miss Beulah Glasby. The story was brought back by a fellow missionary who was travelling with them north of Taiyuanfu, Shansi Province Capital, where the incident occurred.

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Won't Sell Anticost

OTTAWA.—The island of Anticosti, situated on the Gulf of St. Lawrence, which from a military point of view is of strategic importance, will not be sold to any foreign nation, according to an intimation made in the House of Commons last week by Prime Minister Mackenzie King.

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Germany Speeds Danube Project

BERLIN.—The Government decreed this week that the Rhine-Danube Canal via the River Main be completed by 1945. Simultaneously the Danube will be developed as a "Reich waterway" up to the new German border below Vienna.

The decree represents considerable spending up of one of Europe's most important waterway projects because the original plan envisaged 1950 as the completion date. But the decree says: "Austria's reunion with the German Reich and the execution of the four-year plan demand speedier completion of the project."

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Half A City Sold

CARDIFF, WALES. — Practically half a city changed hands this week when the immensely wealthy Marquess of Bute sold part of this world here of 200,000 population for a price understood to be about $20,000,000 ($100,000,000).

The real estate deal was believed to be the largest ever recorded in Great Britain.

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Death Penalty for Treason

RIO DE JANEIRO. — The death penalty for crimes against the nation aiming at its disintegration or against the regime was decreed last week by President Getulio Vargas in a law amending article 122 of the Nov. 10 Constitution. The law is not retroactive, thus it will not reach those implicated in the May 11 Putsch.

Royal Elephant Hunt Resumed

In Siam — Ceremony Held After Lapse of 30 Years, Continues Three Days

BANGKOK, Siam.—Veteran hunters using trained "decoys" last week beat their way through the brush of jungle feeding grounds near Lopburi, round up game for Siam's first royal elephant hunt in 30 years.

The hunt, consisted of days when Siamese kings rode into battle on the backs of gaily caparisoned elephants, continued three days and ended with a to death among the biggest bulls among the captured elephants.

During the three-day hunt the big game hunters expected to capture between 100 and 150 wild bulls, including many "tuskers."

Tame Oxes Et

The Siamese Ministry of Finance footed the bill for the hunt and proceeds from admission to the most exciting event—when the wild elephants are driven into a huge teakwood stockade outside Lopburi—are turned over to a special fund for construction of a military cadet school. More than 20,000 persons witnessed this spectacle.

Many In Roundup

More than 100 trained elephants, including "cows" elephants used as decoys, participated in the roundup across the feeding grounds.

The stockade of teakwood logs in a large circular pen, was transformed circular logs pointed inward. Inside are water troughs to refresh the bulls and cows after their long stampede.

The captured bulls will be trained and later will be employed in hauling timber from the teak forests or any other heavy work in construction of the army cantonment.

hoped ultimately to send 200,000 head of cattle a year to Great Britain and Canada, but the United States was outlined to the House of Commons this week by Hon. James G. Gardiner, Minister of Agriculture.

The policy is only in its experimental stage, the Minister admitted, and only twenty-five carcases per week are being shipped.

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Refugees Face Desperate Plight

SHANGHAI.—The International Red Cross appealed for more funds this week for financial aid, declaring its funds were exhausted and 170,000 Chinese refugees were faced a "desperate plight." Officials said food reserves were adequate for only one more

VOICE of the PRESS

THE WORLD AT LARGE — CANADA — THE EMPIRE

CANADA

Drastic Expedient

The Primitive tribes of Africa are reported to be scaring their children with stories of civilization.—Hamilton Spectator.

In Time for the Next

The first volume of Canada's official war history has at last appeared. When the final volume reaches the public, most of the survivors of the war will probably be in their graves.—Brockville Recorder and Times.

Plenty of Old Crocks

Of 39 cars tested by expert mechanics in Port Hope this week only 49 were found in proper mechanical condition. Either the cars in Port Hope are exceptionally bad or there's a lot of old "crocks" in the province.—Owen Sound Sun-Times.

A Costly Privilege

Comparison of the income tax schedules of Canada and Britain show the latter to be enormously more drastic, and so far as we can over the hurried times as much as it is in Ontario. It costs the people a lot to live close to Europe.—St. Catharines Standard.

Radium in Canada

The discovery of radium in a remote region of Canada was a veritable godsend since this rarest of minerals was previously found in only one place in the world, the Belgian Congo mines in Africa. Up to a few years ago radium cost $70,000 a gram before the Belgian monopoly was broken by Canadian competition. Thus radium was made more available to combat the dread scourge of cancer.—Kitchener Record.

What A Picture!

The picture of nine provincial sweepstakes each occurring several times a year is not one to contemplate with easy complacency. Once each province was well set up in the sweepstake business, the element of competition would, no doubt, come into play and if Prince Edward Island gave more in prizes than any other, as it could well afford to do, it would probably get the largest share of the nickels and dimes and dollars.—Financial Times, Montreal.

Mounties on Display

People away from the U.S. border do not understand the American desire to see a Mountie. It would pay Windsor and the Soo to stand the expense of getting members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police stationed at each place. As both cities already have members of the force stationed on their borders, and as tourists want to see them why can't a similar arrangement be made? U. S. fathers have told this column that the reason they want to see the sons of their children see our famous R.C.M.P.'s. Can't the force recruit a few more men or can it find some other way to make a soft job?—Sault Ste. Marie Star.

He Can't Get Away With It

Walter Winchell gets away with his keyhole reporting in a big city, and is well paid for it. The same stuff in a small town would bring him to fist fights very quickly. We nick-named an amateur gossiper "the whisper king", and he came around and gave us his opinion, which wasn't complimentary. Other little references of a humorous nature have caused a near fight at times, simply because we are so convenient to be got at that almost before the ink on the paper is dry someone comes around with revenge gleaming in his eye and threatens to "get in the middle of you" in the print shop. We usually keep the type mallet within range so that if the callers threaten to be unreasonable we can take up arms in defence of the liberty of the press.—Coleman, Alta., Journal.

Canada Guards Foreign Gold

In Bank Vaults for "Safe Keeping"—Other Nations' Purpose of Big Hoard Mystery.

Approximately $100,000,000 in foreign gold is stored in the vaults of the Bank of Canada at Ottawa marked "for safe keeping." The amount is steadily increasing. The reason for its presence there is a mystery.

Speculation concerning the reason for the presence of this gold in Canada in Canada stories that overseas governments are establishing credits for the purchase of munitions in Canada and the disturbed situation in Europe is causing a flight of capital to Canada.

Amount Is Increasing

There is no information for anything—except the gold is there, and the amount is increasing. But officials, including the prime minister, the finance minister, the governor of the Bank of Canada, and others, are silent. Not a word about what is taboo. They admit the gold is there, and that's the end of it.

In April there was an increase of 131,516 fine ounces of gold earmarked for foreign nations. At the end of March the total held was valued at more than $85,000,000, and, according to rumor, the increase for the month of May will be from $5,000,000 to $25,000,000. As to whether it is from Britain or France or other points cannot be officially ascertained.

Nor will any official state whether the gold held for foreign powers is shipped into Canada or whether it has been purchased in Canada and held here under foreign ownership.

"Refrain from covetousness, and thy estate shall prosper."—Plato.

"Money is not required to buy one necessity of the soul."—Thoreau.

Plans A Descent To Ocean Bottom

Chicago Man, Who Deals in Sunken Treasure, Will Dive for the Mexican Crown Jewels.

Capt. John Craig, of Chicago, who deals in sunken treasure and pirate booty on a strictly lawbinding basis, has the world decorated to the ocean floor off the Virginia Capes next month in a quest which may yield a portion of the Mexican crown jewels and the rubies of the Empress Carlotta.

The treasure which included 362 tons of silver bars, was lost when the liner Merida carrying refugees of the Mexican revolution, went down 55 miles off the Virginia coast.

Craig said the hulk, object of several previous treasure hunts, was lying upside down in the sand and was particularly hazardous to divers.

Breathe Oxygen and Helium

"We hope to overcome part of that," he said. "By new equipment we will carry, doing away with trailing airlines which might be fouled."

Craig said the equipment was tested this spring, when Max Nohl left a coast guard cutter off Milwaukee and went down to a new world record of 420 feet in Lake Michigan.

The divers breathe a mixture of helium and oxygen fed from tanks carried on their backs, eliminating the hydrogen mixture which left divers unconscious in the tests due to the danger of becoming stupified if they remained down too long.

Sank With Treasure

Francisco Madero had seized control from the dictator, Diaz, and forbidden exportation of wealth. Reality and disbelieve was death. The Merida almost had reached its haven when it was rammed by the Admiral Farragut, sinking suddenly in dark shade. The Merida went down and with all its treasure.

Indian Quotes Queen Victoria

At Trial in Orillia; Fishing Rights Are Issue in Test Case

Chief John Bigwin, 99-year-old patriarch who claims the hereditary chieftainship of the Ojibway tribe on the Rama Reserve, came out of retirement last week at Orillia to plead for his "children," four Rama Reserve Indians who appeared in police court on charges of spearing fish in the closed season.

Clad in the full regalia of his tribe, Chief Bigwin, almost sightless, was led into the courtroom by one of his younger followers. The hearing was considered a test case. The Indians claim the territory on which they were fishing was part of the reserve where Indians have special privileges and provincial game laws do not apply.

Quotes Queen Victoria

"Queen Victoria told my grandfather, my father and myself that as long as the grass grows and the water runs the Indians can always may hunt and fish forever and ever," Chief Bigwin told Magistrate C. F. Bick. He brandished a time-yellowed document which the chief claimed was the original treaty Queen Victoria made with the redmen.

"I have got to look after my children," Chief Bigwin added. "I do not want you to harm them." Then the stately chief, his pipe made, left the courtroom. Magistrate Bick reserved judgment until it could be ascertained whether Lake St. John, where Stanley Shilling, John St. Germain, Sanford Stinson and Russell Fawn admitted they had fished, was part of the Indian reserve.

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