

News Parade

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

WINDOW-DRESSING — In some quarters the belief is expressed that for the past three or four years Capt. Anthony Eden has been used by the National Government of Great Britain as a show-window dummy to occupy public attention while the real forces of government were at work behind the scenes. It is said that as a figure representing idealism and pro-League policy he was kept on view to placate those forces in the British nation that were opposed to the government's "bargaining with the dictators"; when the time arrived for the "realistic" policy of the government to rise to the surface, Eden, the symbol, was removed, perhaps to come back into the Cabinet later under a different banner.

Rumors current last week substantiate the latter part of this thesis, that Eden may shortly return to office (as Ambassador to Washington from Great Britain.) Plausible though the argument seems, that he was used as merely window-dressing, we feel certain, however, that there is more to Anthony Eden than his critics would have us believe.

HIT-RUNNERS INCREASE — During the year 1937 the number of hit-run drivers involved in accidents on Ontario's roads increased 37 percent. Commenting on the figures released by the Provincial Highways Department, Toronto's Chief Draper said "this alarming increase clearly demonstrates the necessity of adopting effective measures to reduce a terrible condition. An intensive campaign should be launched at once, based upon a practical and sound process of education along the lines of common sense and moderation."

WANTS RELIEF LOAD SHIFTED — Speaking to the Canadian Club at Montreal last week, Hon. Stuart Garson, Treasurer of Manitoba, declared that municipalities are piling up an overpowering public debt because they are held responsible for unemployment relief. Many towns, and cities are facing bankruptcy as a direct outcome of the situation, he said. Administration by the Dominion Government of all unemployment relief in Canada would distribute the burden of taxation more evenly throughout the country; would cut out the duplication and expense of the present system where each municipality runs its own independent relief bureau.

THEY AGREED TO AGREE — People who never believed such a thing possible, sat up last week, rubbed their eyes and blinked to see that Great Britain and Eire (Ireland) had actually got together after practically ten centuries of disagreement. The new Anglo-Irish accord does not go into the question of union between the North and South of Ire-

land. Its terms, however, set forth the following: transfer to Ireland of naval defense stations on the Irish coast now occupied by the United Kingdom; ending of all special duties imposed by both countries; free entry of Irish goods into the United Kingdom; payment by Ireland of \$50,000,000 in final settlement of all financial claims against her. British trade concessions to Ireland mean that Irish goods will receive the same treatment as goods from other parts of the British Commonwealth.

Of mutual benefit to both countries, the pact is likely to encourage large-scale agricultural development in Ireland (this would mean a valuable food reservoir for Britain in event of a war); in turn British manufacturers of textiles, iron and steel and coal producers will profit. Southern Ireland (formerly the Irish Free State, now Eire) is primarily an agricultural country. For years her natural market, the United Kingdom, has been virtually closed to her because of very high tariffs on agricultural products from Eire. Now that barrier is removed.

In typical mood, however, the Irish Independent (Dublin) declares: "The Ministers of the Government (of Eire) who proclaimed they would smash their way out of the British Empire have marched their way into it over the ruins of Irish agriculture, and over the corpse of Irish neutrality."

FOUR-POWER PACT — Great Britain's plan for an alliance of the four great Western European powers—France, Britain, Germany, Italy—is being shelved for the time being, European advisers would have us think. Reasons for temporary abandonment of the pact idea: France is determined to stand by her ally, Czechoslovakia; and Germany is determined to keep her own hands free for expansion in Eastern Europe, will not be tied down to any agreement to keep the peace.

BRAZIL BALKS — When President Vargas became dictator of Brazil last November, the democracies of North and South America feared a Fascist set-up there. Italy and Germany began immediately to cultivate closer relations with Brazil, flooded the country with propaganda and opened special schools and clubs.

But things are turning out better than it was hoped for at that time by the democracies. President Roosevelt's warning to Latin America last week to defend democracy against Fascist inroads has had immediate effect in Brazil. President Vargas has banned all foreign political activities in that country, aiming at Nazi doings in particular.

One observer puts it: "Brazil is bending over backwards to prove adherence to pan-Americanism and the republican form of government, preferring to sacrifice its relations with the European dictatorships rather than alienate American good will."

Duke Will Not Meet The King

Won't Be In Paris When Brother Pays Visit There In June

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor have decided to divide their time between Paris and the Riviera for a long time to come, it was learned last week.

They have signed a three-year lease on the Chateau la Croye, at Cap d'Antibes, owned by Sir Pomeroy Burton, retired London journalist, who, born in the United States, was naturalized in Great Britain in 1916 and knighted in 1923.

To Live On Riviera
It was understood that the Duke and Duchess intended to spend most of their time on the Riviera, and the rest at their leased villa in Versailles outside Paris. They intend to occupy the chateau during the visit of the Duke's brother, King George VI, to Paris in June.

Their plan was to return to Paris and remain there until the beginning of June and then to return here. It was not known whether they would be in Paris for the first anniversary of their marriage, June 3, but it seemed definite that they had decided to absent themselves during the King's visit to Paris.

Veterans Injured In Hitler Birthday Riot



Gene Mathies, whose coat was torn, circle, gives first aid to Sol Reiger, after veterans attending a German-American Bund meeting in New York had been attacked by the Nazis, in a near riot.

Request 40,000 Fish For Ontario Waters

Western Ontario Sportsmen Send Plea to Department to Re-stock Streams

LONDON, Ont.—As part of a campaign to re-stock Western Ontario waters, application has been made to the provincial game and fisheries branch for from 40,000 to 50,000 fish to be delivered within the next few months.

This announcement was made by officials of the Western Ontario Fish and Game Protective Association during the course of their largely-attended meeting at the H. B. Beal Technical School auditorium.

North and south branches of the Thames river will be stocked with from 30,000 to 40,000 small mouth black bass fingerlings and parent fish and the association has applied for 1,000 brown trout to be supplied to streams north of London. It is expected about 500 pike, ranging from two to five pounds, will be transferred from Mitchell's Bay to the W. O. fish preserve in Westminster township before the summer season.

News In Review

Budget Leaves Them Gasping
LONDON.—Sir John Simon, Chancellor of the Exchequer, struck heavily this week at the British pocket-book. The astronomical figures of his first Budget left the House of Commons almost bewildered with the magnitude of the coming expenditures.

The Chancellor's increase of sixpence in the standard rate of income tax and his addition of two-pence in the duty on tea, both Empire and foreign, sent a gasp round the chamber. They will hit every home in the land.

Says Russian Fliers Drowned
WASHINGTON.—The U. S. State Department last week received word that Sigismund Levanovsky, famous Soviet airman, and five companions probably perished in Arctic waters during their Moscow-United States flight last August.

Sergeant Stanley Morgan, in charge of the army wireless station at Point Barrow, Alaska, wired the department that Eskimos told him that last August they had seen what appeared to be a huge airplane sink below ice-filled waters. The date was Aug. 18 or 19, he said, tending to make their story plausible.

Attack And Counter-Attack
SHANGHAI.—Japanese signaling southward toward the vital railroad junction at Suchow broke through Chinese lines over the week-end at Hsiaoawang, a village southeast of Yihien, but the Chinese swiftly counter attacked and temporarily stopped the gap.

Despite greatly increased Japanese pressure all along the South Shantung battlefield and continued heavy fighting, relative positions were unchanged except at Hsiaoawang.

Big Business Offers Help
WASHINGTON.—Sixteen of the nation's "Blue Chip" industrialists and bankers this week offered President Roosevelt conditional co-operation in his \$4,512,000,000 anti-depression drive and pledged themselves to "encourage" his efforts directed at restoring "confidence and normal business conditions."

Louis-Schmeling Fight
NEW YORK.—Promoter Mike Jacobs has confirmed his selection of the Yankee Stadium as the site for the world heavyweight championship return match between Joe Louis and Max Schmeling, the German challenger. It will be held June 22, in the ring where Schmeling stunned the fistie universe two years ago by knocking out the Brown Bomber in twelve rounds.

Will Remain Democratic
WASHINGTON.—Czechoslovakian Minister Vladimir S. Hurban this week served notice on the world that Czechoslovakia is determined to maintain her democratic principles, despite demands of a German minority for restoration of privileges enjoyed under the old Austro-Hungarian monarchy.

Plan to Retire Judges
OTTAWA.—A retirement plan for Judges of the Supreme Courts of the Provinces is now under consideration by the Department of Justice it is learned here from official sources.

Legislation to put the scheme in effect "may be presented to this session of Parliament," it was stated.

Albania's First Queen
TIRANA, Albania.—Tribesmen, soldiers, and diplomats crowded this little Capital for the wedding last week of King Ahmed Zog and a fair Hungarian Countess with a dash of old Virginia in her blood.

Fierce Ghegs from the north and barefoot Tosks from the south dropped ancient animosity and drank from each other's wine skins to the health of Countess Geraldine Apponyi, who is Albania's first Queen.

Pro-Nazi Arrested



Corneliu Zelea Codreanu, Rumanian pro-Nazi leader, was arrested with 1,600 followers in Bucharest, charged with plotting against the Government. Police intimated that they seized evidence that a rising had been planned, apparently by Codreanu's illegal, extreme rightist "Iron Guard."

Predicts Planes Carrying 2,000

Igor Sikorsky, First to Build The Multi-Motored Plane, Makes A Prophecy

Igor Ivan Sikorsky, who built the first multi-motored plane 25 years ago, speaking in Detroit on the seventy-first anniversary of the birth of Wilbur Wright, predicted that planes carrying 2,000 passengers would be flying between the United States and Europe within a decade. Such planes—with a 500-foot wingspread and weighing 2,000 tons—are past the experimental stage, he said, adding, however, that 100-passenger ships might prove more practical. "Within two or three years regular service with 100-passenger ships will be established between New York and London," he prophesied. "The trip will take 18 hours."

Of the Wrights' planes and the industry that grew from it, he said: "It seems to be the fate of all good things on their first appearance that sinister hands stretch out to snatch them for evil uses. . . . Almost every discovery and invention made by man has been attacked on the ground of its possible ill uses."

"The few airplanes used in war arouse more comment than the thousands of planes in daily service in the ways of peace. One hundred and ten million peaceable miles are flown in

The BOOK SHELF

By ELIZABETH EEDY

"MAN AGAINST HIMSELF"

By Karl A. Menninger

There's a little bit of the perverse in all of us who consider ourselves to be normal human beings; in the insane, however, this streak of perversity or tendency to self-destruction has merely become intensified.

Such is the thesis of a brilliant book by one of America's leading psychiatrists, Dr. Karl A. Menninger. "Man Against Himself" is the arresting diagnosis of a sickness that affects the entire world, that manifests itself in neurotic invalidism, alcoholic addiction, failure, suicidal mania, martyrdom, self-mutilation, criminality of all sorts. With training and experience gained from many years of working with nervous and mental patients, Dr. Menninger demonstrates how, once brought out into the open, these diseases of the mind may be cured.

Can the will-to-live be encouraged and self-defeat be conquered? This is one of the most important questions which modern medical science has to solve in an age of increasing mental ailments. The author demonstrates by case histories both human and dramatic that the deep-rooted propensity of self-destruction in man can be turned to good purpose and a new personality built up.

"Man Against Himself" is written in terms of everyday thinking so that every layman can understand it. It will render an invaluable service to practising physicians often at a loss to understand their patients' mental twists; and to hopeless hundreds who are confused about themselves or about their friends and relations. "Man Against Himself," by Karl A. Menninger. Published by George J. McLeod, Limited, Toronto—\$4.25.

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This Modern Education

And now youngsters can even graduate without knowing readin', writin' and 'rithmetic. How times change! —Brandon Sun.

Works Both Ways

An air liner, according to a writer, can leave London in the morning and "be in Vienna for tea." By the same token, therefore, a bomber could leave Vienna in the morning and be in London for T-N-T.—Windsor Star.

An Efficient Example

Instead of considering the abolishing of county councils, legislatures might well take pattern from these municipal bodies, and endeavor to conduct their business along the same economical and efficient lines.—Chatham News.

Smell Of The Stable

It is a wholesome and invigorating smell that one finds in orderly stables and barns, as salubrious as the tangy odor of freshly-turned soil. It is an old-fashioned smell, or mingling of smells, that brings back memories of care-free boyhood days on the farm. The fragrance of hay, freshly forked from the packed mow; the odor of clean straw used for bedding. Boyhood smells, indeed! Near-forgotten smells of boyhood! —St. Thomas Times-Journal.

Canadian Flour

Western Canadian wheat interests are promoting a campaign of advertising for Canadian flour in the British Isles. There is a population of about fifty million in the British Isles. A slight increase in the amount of bread consumed by the average family would mean a substantial addition to the quantity of wheat from Canada to manufacture the new brands of bread. The experiment in publicity is likely to be justified by the results.—Sarnia Canadian Observer.

Not Dead But Sleepeth

Do the League of Nations Societies throughout the world realize that the

this country in one year. Will all the flying that has been done in war equal a tithe of that?"

Mental Illnesses, Alibis Related

Don't try shifting the blame like Adam did—"the woman Thou gavest me, she tempted me and I fell," or you will find yourself guilty of rationalizing, a defense mechanism which was one of the roads leading to a behavior problem of mental illness, Dr. R. D. Liddy, department of philosophy and psychology, University of Western Ontario, said in a paper on "Personality Disorders" read to the trustees and ratepayers section of the Ontario Educational Association.

Psychological Examinations
He urged educationists to stress careful physical and psychological examinations, the importance of abundant physical health, to teach children to be honest with themselves, acknowledge their mistakes, and "the art of facing life as it is."

Day-dreaming indulged in to excess, regression—indulging in childish reactions such as tempers and repressions, said, led to personality disorders which if not righted might become serious mental problems. He urged teachers to call in expert advice if pupils revealed symptoms.

present is their great opportunity! The League is not actually dead. As an instrument for international appeasement it lies in its coffin; but even those who are most emphatic that it must not be allowed to intrude on the present delicate situation, even if it could, fully acknowledge that if it would wake up with more practical sense, it would be a grand thing for the world in general. —Saint John Telegraph-Journal.

Save The Wild Flowers

Nature has provided for us a free gift and, therefore, a common responsibility, a springtime spectacle of wild flowers.

Soon many persons will stroll through the woods and witness this miracle picture painted by rain and sunshine.

Many of these, probably a majority, are true nature lovers who appreciate the delicacy of the plants spread like a colored tapestry, for a brief season, over the forest floor. They understand that this panorama of wild flowers must be preserved in its entirety if future generations are to enjoy the present beauty of the scene.

Our wild flowers aren't nearly as profuse as they once were. They gradually disappeared as the land was cleared for cultivation. And if every season they are subjected to the wanton ravages of thoughtless humans, the time will come when they will cease to reproduce their kind.—Kitchen Record.

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Teeth Of The Million

A clause which should intrigue many is contained in the scheme for an Anglo-American trade agreement. It provides that Britain will take from the U. S. A. some 40,000,000 false teeth a year.

Thus American enterprise, in addition to sending Britain more food will also send teeth to eat it with. Actually, false teeth figure as a normal item in imports from America. In 1936 the U. S. A. exported 41,797,000 false teeth to Britain, their value being over one million dollars.—Times of India.

Science Seeks Out Secret of Energy

Discovery of New Process May Cheapen Existence to an Unforeseen Level

Energy is supplied to our bodies by food classified as carbo-hydrates, such as sugar and starches. It is converted into edible form by methods so far hidden from man, but scientists are fast catching up with Nature.

In an address made at the Calcutta Science Congress recently, Professor E. C. C. Baly, who retired from the Chair of Inorganic Chemistry at Liverpool University last year, described how carbon-dioxide and water, two common substances, are made to produce energy in food merely by the action of colored light. He has duplicated the natural process in the laboratory and has given it the fearsome title "photosynthesis of carbo-hydrates."

It is still in an experimental stage and exceedingly expensive, but one day his discovery may cheapen living to an unforeseen level and enable people to subsist with the minimum of trouble.

Lake Superior is the deepest of the Great Lakes.

Claims Share In Discovering Screen Star



Mrs. Rita Stanwood Warner and her daughter Joan, left, appear in court in Los Angeles, Cal., where Mrs. Warner is suing two actors' agents, charging that she "discovered" Deanna Durbin.